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Terrorists hijack Black Sea ferry

By Michael Evans
defence correspondent
and Carlotta Gall
at pervomaiskoye

HEAVILY armed Chechen rebels seized a Turkish ferry in the Black Sea port of Trabzon last night, killing one passenger and threatening to shoot all the Russians on board.

The dramatic new confrontation with the Kremlin came as Russian special forces continued their assault on the village of Pervomaiskoye in southern Russia for a second day in an attempt to "wipe out" Chechen fighters and *free a hundred hostages.*

The Panamanian-flagged *Avrasya* was seized by a group of about 20 Chechens firing Kalashnikov automatic rifles at about 6.20 pm local time, 90 minutes before it was to leave for the *Russian city of Sochi. They aimed* their guns at terrified passengers and shouted slogans demanding independence for Chechenia.

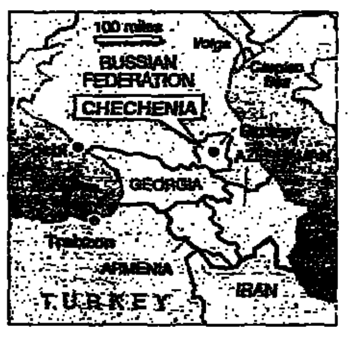
Alaaddin Yuksel, the governor of Trabzon, told state television that 165 people were on board — 120 passengers and 45 crew. It was not known how many were Russians.

In exchanges over loudspeakers with Turkey's coastguard, the gunmen asked for a captain so that they could leave immediately. They *threatened to kill a Russian every* ten minutes until their demand was met and claimed to have killed one person already. Three hours later, the raiders found the ferry's Turkish captain Mustafa Tuncay, who had been hiding, and ordered him *to sail for an undisclosed* destination.

Turkey, a predominantly Muslim but officially secular country, has a 25,000-strong Chechen community. It *sympathises* with the independence movement, but tries to keep a low profile to avoid harming relations with Russia.

The seizure of the ship was the third blow for President Yeltsin who had spent the day in constant telephone calls with his command*ers outside Pervomaiskoye.*

With the Chechens showing no sign of surrendering, the Russian



forces, backed by helicopter gunships, artillery and air force bombers, *continued to pound the village,* but they had so far secured the release of only 29 hostages. Then, in the devastated Chechen capital of Grozny, a new hostage crisis developed when an unidentified group kidnapped up to 40 workers *at the Groznenergo power plant in* the city's suburbs.

During yesterday's clashes in Pervomaiskoye, Russian troops pushed further into the village and *reportedly* freed 20 hostages held by Chechen gunmen, bringing to 29 the number of captives freed since Monday morning. The Chechens said they had released four hostages to "tell the truth" about what was happening and to stop "deadly Russian fire".

*Russian interior ministry offici*als meanwhile claimed that nearly all of the rebels had been pushed back into the centre of the village where they were holding the mosque and school and several nearby buildings.

The Russian forces urged the rebels to surrender during a brief lull around midday, but the rebels were well dug in and the appeal was rejected. Then, as the fighting continued into the night, a spokesman for the attack force said: "If the rebels want to escape alive, we are only interested in a white flag. We are finished with playing games."

The Interfax news agency reported that six Russian soldiers had been killed and 20 wounded, but *none of the casualty reports could* be confirmed and it was not known if any of the hostages had been killed. Movladi Udugov, a Chechen rebel spokesman, claimed the bodies of more than 200 Russian soldiers were lying in the streets.

The first group of freed hostages, including five women and three children, returned to the Dagestani border town of Kizlyar yesterday. Military officials also said that two British journalists detained by Russian forces were also being evacuated to Kizlyar, where the crisis erupted a week ago. The two, working for the WTN television company, had been were in Pervomaiskaya when the troops *launched their assault.*

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TUC chief hails Blair boost for unions

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE leader of the trade union movement fuels the political dispute over Tony Blair's *plans for a "stakeholder econ*omy" today by asserting that it will help the unions to rebuild their influence.

John Monks, general secre*tary of the TUC, writes in The Times* that independent unions are "the means for individuals to exercise their voices or to realise their stakes *collectively, and thus more* effectively".

His remarks brought an immediate attack from the Tories last night. Brian

Monks: fuels dispute *over stakeholding*

Mawhinney, the Conservative chairman, declared that Mr Monks had confirmed the *warnings* that he and the Prime Minister had been giving about Mr Blair's plans, *unveiled in Singapore.*

"It shows that they simply amount to a deal under which Labour's old friends in the trade union movement would get back *all* the power and privileges that abused in the 1970s." Mr Monks denies that the stakeholder concept would lead to a return to the 1970s, or give the Tories a chance to rerun their anti-union argu*ments of the 1980s.*

He describes it as an exciting idea that has emerged "as the unregulated free market excesses of the 1980s are in *their death throes*".

John Major told the Commons yesterday that the difference between Labour and Tories on the issue was that *the Conservatives* believed people should have a personal interest in the country, while Labour believed in a corporatist approach in which special interest groups operated on behalf the nation at large.

But Mr Monks writes: "For once the Conservatives felt they were on the front foot last week. When the Prime Minister and his deputy condemned Tony Blair's vision of a stakeholder economy they hoped to reach familiar ground. Stakeholding is about unions, they said. It'll help them rebuild their position.

"*My answer is yes,* but in a way that will confound, not confirm, their claims. A stakeholder economy is not about a return to the 1970s. Nor does it give Tory *strategists an excuse* to rerun their anti-union arguments in the 1980s."

He adds: "We in the unions regard ourselves as stakehold*ers in the common enterprise* of making this country more competitive, community-minded and caring.

"This country needs more influential unions to work with employers in a new national drive for competitiveness: *to be partners in innova*tion and training, and in providing opportunities to work for all; and to be partners in stamping out short*term selfishness and* incompetence among the worst employers."

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, told MPs last night that Labour had never governed without the support of the unions and it could not afford to ignore its paymasters.

"Of course we are told that under new Labour there will no return to deals over beer and sandwiches in the smoke*filled rooms of Downing* Street," she said. "No, of course. Under New Labour it would be deals over smoked salmon and dry white wine in a smoke-free zone."

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PETER LOMAS

The Queen's idyll, the Hodder valley in northern Lancashire: she is quoted in Sarah Bradford's biography *Elizabeth* as saying this is where she would like to retire to

Quiet valley the Queen dreams of making her home

By Kate Alderson

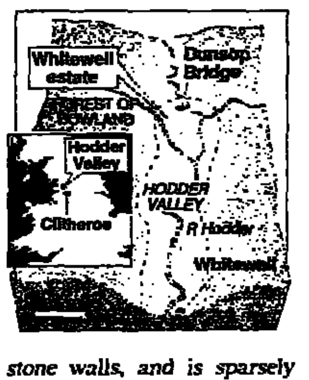
THE Lancashire backwater to which the Queen dreams of retiring with the Duke of Edinburgh is revealed today as the Hodder Valley, set in 6,000 acres of Crown lands in the Forest of Bowland, close to the market town of Clitheroe.

The valley, at the geographical heart of Britain, is surrounded by historic estates and locked into what some local people call "a feudal time warp".

In Sarah Bradford's royal biography *Elizabeth*, serialised in *The Times* this week, the author writes: "Elizabeth *has a dream, a fantasy that* she knows she can never realise. There is a valley in Lancashire near Clitheroe and the beautiful Forest of Bowland, which she once told a friend: 'Philip and I would like to retire to'."

The Queen, as Duke of Lancaster, owns the 52,000-acre Duchy of Lancaster estate, a patchwork of landholdings scattered across England and including the freehold of the Savoy hotel in London. *At the heart of the* estate, created by Henry III in 1265, are the Hodder Valley and the small hamlets of Dunsop Bridge and *Whitewell. The Queen and* Prince Philip have spent time relaxing on several visits to the Whitewell estate.

Bowland, protected by its *status as an Area of Outstand*ing Natural Beauty, is characterised by verdant rolling hills, ancient woodland, centuries-old bridges and



stone walls, and is sparsely populated. But there are plenty of pheasant, salmon, grouse and trout. Dunsop Bridge is given on the Ordnance Survey national grid as the "exact centre of Great Britain and 401 associated islands" — the heart of the British kingdom.

The Whitewell estate was bought from the Towneley family by the Duchy in 1938. In 1989 the Queen threw a private party there for all her tenants. It was her last official engagement in the valley, but locals in and around the estate talk of her visiting a few times a year and of her "driving her Range Rover at some speed".

The tranquil estate, its peace interrupted by little more than bird calls, is penetrated by a mere handful of roads, yet it lies only *nine miles west of* Clitheroe *and near a number* of motorways.

It has 16 farm tenants — all of whose farms bear the Duchy crest — a post office, garage, a few Forestry Commission houses, a scattering of farm cottages and a hotel and restaurant at Whitewell. *The* inn, rumoured to have been visited by the Duke and Duchess of York during their early courtship, dates back at least to the 15th century as a royal hunting lodge and members of the *Royal Family* have "called in over the years," according to the owner and Queen's tenant, Richard Bowman.

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Ski star killed in downhill crash

By Leyla Linton

KIRSTEEN McGIBBON, Britain's female downhill skiing champion, was killed yesterday after crashing during training in Austria.

One of Britain's brightest hopes for the next Winter Olympics, she was taking part in a training run for the Lowlander championships in Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, about 30 miles southeast of Salzburg, when she fell on an icy part of the course *and was* knocked out. She died after being flown to hospital by helicopter.

The accident happened dur*ing downhill practice on the* Altenmarkt World Cup track where the Austrian World Cup skier, Peter Wirnsberger II, was killed in an accident during *non-competitive skiing* more than three years ago. Downhill skiers can reach speeds of up to 70mph.

Miss McGibbon, 20, from Clarkston, Glasgow, is believed to be the first Briton to die while training for an international ski event. Thirteen other skiers have died in races or practice sessions since 1959.

McGibbon: knocked out during training run

Nunn hits back at TV opera attack

By Stephen Farrell

TREVOR NUNN, the theatre director, last night attacked Sir James Spooner, the Royal Opera House Opera board chairman, for calling him a "*bastard*" *during a television* documentary.

Mr Nunn, a former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, said he was "*sickened*" by the outburst over his direction of the Janacek opera *Katya Kabanova*. Sir James's remark is heard in the second episode of *The House*, a *behind-the scenes* series which began on BBC2 last night.

When Jeremy Isaacs, the ROH General Director, ad*mits that he has given Mr* Nunn permission to exceed budget, Sir James tells a 1993 opera board meeting: "It does annoy me, these grand people who sign contracts with us and then give us these terrible times in the arts. They really are bastards the way they play us about like this. You don't kick them enough. It really annoys me."

In the programme, entitled Horse Trading, Mr Isaacs tells his chairman that Mr Nunn, who was working in America during the early stages of the production of *Katya Kabanova*, is unhappy with the sets and wants horses, rain and collapsing scenery. The cost is estimated at £23,000.

Last night Mr Nunn said that he was "shocked and bemused" at suggestions that he was extravagant.

"*Since this is a form of trial* by television, I must plead innocent to all charges. I was

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Defector's best-laid plans suffer circulation problems

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Is it in order to call *Michael Howard odious?* MPs briefly discussed this important subject yesterday. On Monday, Alice Mahon (Lab, Halifax) had asked Madam Speaker what methods were available "to ask the Minister of State and her odious boss" about the "barbaric practice" of shackling pregnant women prisoners.

Yesterday Mrs Mahon rose to apologise. It was Mr Howard's *policies*, she explained, which were odious, not him. Miss Boothroyd cooed that the House was grateful that *Mrs Mahon had rephrased* her remarks. "Oh no we aren't!" cried a bunch of Opposition MPs.

Perhaps Labour's Andrew Faulds (Warley E) was among them. The bushy-bearded actor (retired) returned after a long illness last year, but must be feeling better now, as he is starting to be nasty. Faulds was unconvinced that "odious", as applied to Mr Howard, *is* out of order. Could MPs vote on this, he asked? Madam Speaker brushed this aside. She brushed aside, too, a *complaint against* Lady Olga Maitland (C, Sutton & Cheam) who last year gave her own apology to the House for her tactics in harrying the Disablement Bill. Labour's Barry Sheerman accused her of suggesting recently that she was only pretending to be sorry.

Miss Boothroyd took no view and nor do we, though contrition and Lady Olga make unusual bedfellows...

As her performance at PM's Questions had indicated. Was it de Tocqueville who remarked that the French Constitution, in all its magnificence, afforded to noblemen and beggars an equal right to sleep under bridges? Yesterday Lady Olga, in all her magnificence, explained that in her Tory version of the "stakeholder society" people did have a stake in society because they could own their own homes, and shares on the stock exchange; and pay lower taxes.

Delivered in a Mayfair accent, the remark prompted the listener to speculate on just how welcome these freedoms must be to the people sleeping under bridges.

I thought of Lady Olga in the debate which followed, when Emma Nicholson (W Devon & Torridge) made her maiden speech as a Liberal Democrat. Both Olga and Emma have supremely Tory voices, but of two distinct kinds. Nicholson — rich and breathy — speaks County Tory. Maitland — cut glass — speaks Eaton Square Tory.

MPs were debating the World Service of the BBC, Miss Nicholson praising the Corporation's foreign language services. It struck me that the BBC might provide services in Tory Lady Speak of both the dialects, for those dwindling but influential pockets among the world's population who still prefer to be addressed in these tones.

The better Commons speakers (like Sir Edward Heath, these days) manage without notes. On the backbenches it is considered bad form to read, but Miss Nicholson had decided to stick to the security of a prepared text.

Unluckily she had left a copy on a Commons photocopier. A mischievous Tory had circulated it among all Tory MPs. The entire Government benches paged noisily through, giggling, as, head-down, Miss Nicholson ploughed on, refusing all interruptions.

With defection in the air and handcuffs out of fashion, this was a time to scan the government benches for MPs who might be finding her discomfiture less than hilarious. George Walden (C, Buckingham) looked dangerously thoughtful.

But then he always does.

Heseltine's gaffe is just the job for Opposition

By Nicholas Wood, chief political correspondent

MICHAEL HESELTINE confirmed yesterday what most of the country has feared for years — that Cabinet ministers do not know what day of the week it is. The Deputy Prime Minister disclosed the monthly unemployment news a day before its official publication.

His blunder was doubly embarrassing because he chairs the Cabinet's committee on the co-ordination and presentation of Government policy — better known as the "banana skins" department. One of the Tory spin doctors reacted by saying he was going off into a corner to have a quiet weep.

The figures, which are market sensitive, were not due to be released officially until 9.30 this morning. But Mr Heseltine, who like other senior ministers is told about them 36 hours beforehand, jumped the gun as he came under pressure from reporters over the Government's latest political woes.

Pressed about the attack on Baroness Thatcher by Alistair Burt, the Social Security Minister, Mr Heseltine came unstuck as he resorted to the politician's trick of changing the subject. He said: "The real news of today is that unemployment is down for the 28th month in a row — those are the things that matter."

Mr Heseltine, who was visiting the Pilkington Technology Centre in Lathom, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, added: "I am here to celebrate a British company, a major advance, excellent news about unemployment and very strong economic performance ahead."

His over-hasty reply caused red faces in Whitehall, not least because of the lengths the Central Statistical Office goes to keep the jobless figures under wraps until the deadline of the Wednesday falling around the middle of the month. A spokesman said that reporters from news and financial agencies are kept "in quarantine" until the deadline, when they are allowed to rush the figures out to the markets and the waiting world using computer terminals at CSO headquarters in London. "We have very tight safeguards," he said.

Whitehall officials said that the figures "had just slipped out" and that Mr Heseltine had not released them deliberately. They added that Lord Young of Graffham, a former Employment Secretary, had once before let them slip over lunch with journalists.

Labour and the unions alighted gleefully on Mr Heseltine's hiccup. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union, dubbing him "Tarzan, Lord of the Bungle".

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said: "This is a monumental blunder by the deputy Prime Minister — the man responsible for the presentation of Government policy. It is meant to be Mr Heseltine's job to make sure this kind of thing never happens."

The stock market jumped 47.9 points yesterday, but City insiders said a German hint of lower interest rates had been the driving force.

It was also being pointed out at Westminster that Mr Heseltine had not chaired yesterday's early morning meeting of the banana skins committee. He had therefore not been reminded that it was Tuesday.

TONY WHITE

Computer takes pilots on flight into future

Flight Lieutenant Kevin Seymour yesterday proved himself the most proficient combat pilot in the multi-billion pound Eurofighter — even though the plane is still in its development stage (Robing Young writes). Seated at the controls of a computer simulator the Royal Navy flier beat three other top pilots invited to take part in a series of combat exercises.

The Eurofighter may be several years behind schedule and billions of pounds over budget but the computer game, TFX:EF2000, costs mere hundreds and is highly effective. Developed by Digital Image Design of Warrington, Lancashire, the game incorporates every unclassified detail of the Eurofighter's specification that the designers could glean. The company says the result is so convincing it has won them a contract for a simulator from Nato.

In yesterday's trial, Flt Lt Seymour won the title of Top Gun in a series of dogfights against rivals from the RAF, British Aerospace and British Airways. The fliers took turns in head-to-head combats seated at computer consoles which replicated the controls of the Eurofighter.

Paul Barlow of British Aerospace, an engineer employed on the design of Eurofighter's cockpit, said: "This is very close to the real thing. The head-up display is just what the pilot would see."

Dublin accused fail to appear

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland correspondent

UNIONISTs and Conservatives expressed anger last night after three alleged republican terrorists failed to appear at a hearing at Dublin's anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court.

John Taylor, the deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and MP for Strangford, accused the Irish authorities of having acted "deplorably" in giving the men to chance to abscond by granting them bail last year.

The comments came after Dublin's Special Criminal Court issued warrants for the arrest of the three men when they failed to appear in court for a remand hearing. The three men are facing charges in connection with a big arms find after Irish police intercepted a car and seized a cache of weapons.

Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Conservative backbench Northern Ireland Committee and MP for Basingstoke, said: "The Irish judicial system should not have allowed them out on bail.

"This is yet another instance which shows that the response of the Irish authorities to violence is inadequate."

Under the Irish Republic's laws, bail can be refused only in very strict circumstances. A court has to be satisfied that witnesses will be interfered with or that there is a likelihood that the accused will not appear at his trial.

☐ More than 80 per cent of people in Northern Ireland believe that IRA and loyalist terrorists should disarm, according to an opinion poll published yesterday.

A clear majority (60 per cent) believe that all terrorist weapons should be decommissioned before talks, while a further 23 per cent of people want some weapons to be removed before talks.

The findings, published in last night's *Belfast Telegraph*, came as the international commission on terrorist arms announced that it would delay the publication of its report by nearly a week until next Wednesday.

The commission, which is chaired by George Mitchell, the former United States senator, delayed its report after receiving a large numbers of requests for meetings from political parties on both sides of the border.

Market Research Consultancy (Ireland) interviewed 1,051 people from both communities at 50 locations across Northern Ireland last week for last night's poll. Only 13 per cent of those questioned said that the terrorists' arms should not be decommissioned; 4 per cent of those questioned did not know.

☐ The Royal Ulster Constabulary said yesterday that it had arrested a number of people in connection with one of the recent shootings of alleged drugs dealers by suspected IRA gunmen. On January 5, three people were arrested in connection with one of the killings. The three were released later that day.

Opera row

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asked on November 1, while I was in America, to make cuts and I tried to be helpful while protecting the central idea of the production.

"I was completely unaware of any accusation of intransigence and received a warm letter of thanks on November 16 for having cut more than £50,000 of the £60,000 overspend."

In the same programme, Baroness Blackstone, the Royal Opera House Ballet Board chairman, also accuses Mr Nunn of forcing the cancellation of a ballet by rejecting sets created by the desiger Maria Bjornson.

"Quite categorically, I never rejected the designs, nor instructed the designer to start again," Mr Nunn said.

"I returned from America on schedule — the film carries a strong innuendo that I was late — rehearsed a superb cast very happily and was delighted for the ROH that the production was so enthusiastically received.I have since been asked repeatedly by them to return to do more productions.

"Editing techniques applied to documentary footage can tell a very convincing story, but that is not always the same as telling the truth. I find it astonishing that a complex organisation like Covent Garden should encourage the making of such a documentary which by definition must be partial," he said.

The dispute fuels the controversy over Mr Isaacs's decision to allow cameras behind the scenes at the ROH. Keith Cooper, the Director of Public Affairs, was criticised for the enforced resignation of Andrew Follon, the box office manager, after casting doubts on his intelligence.

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IRA bomber wins damages for fall

By Adrian Lee

THE terrorist bomber Donna Maguire was awarded £13,500 damages yesterday against the Government for an injury she suffered when she tripped on a footpath in Northern Ireland almost 11 years ago. The case was delayed because Miss Maguire, convicted last year of an attack against a British army base, spent six years in custody in Germany.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP, described the award at the High Court in Belfast as scandalous. "Here is a woman who has set out to destroy society and yet she has the blatant cheek to sue for this alleged injury.

"People who have suffered at the hands of her, and people like her, have received smaller sums in terms of compensation. Their reaction will be one of disgust because she has played the system for a fool."

Miss Maguire, sentenced to nine years for the bombing but released because of the time spent in custody, said the ankle injury left her unable to dance, jog or swim. She told the court she fell in Newry, Co Down, in June 1985, after trapping her foot in a broken paving stone. The Department of the Environment, which denied liability, was granted a six-week stay to consider an appeal.

She was awarded £12,000 for pain and suffering with the remainder made up of interest and the loss of her wages as a secretary. Miss Maguire, 29, said: "My ankles were twisted and the left one was bleeding. I was crying and I had to lean on my aunt to get home.

"I still get pain in the ankle when I walk a long distance or have to stand a long time."

Mr Justice Pringle said that despite doubts and suspicions he had reached the conclusion that Miss Maguire fell because of a defect in the pavement. Miss Maguire, from Newry, was convicted last June of taking part in a terrorist attack at the base at Osnabruck, Germany, in 1989.

Donaldson questions Hindley jail term

The Home Secretary could face a fresh challenge in the courts after a former Master of the Rolls yesterday questioned the legality of keeping the Moors murderer Myra Hindley in jail for the rest of her life.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington said he did not see how the "tariff", the time a murderer serves in jail, could be increased by a Home Secretary on the basis of public opinion. Hindley's tariff has been increased by successive Home Secretaries from 20 years to 30 years and then to "life". Lord Donaldson said: "I can see no legal basis for it."

Michael Howard is about to consider a report by the Parole Board on Hindley's detention. The Home Office said he would consider the board's advice but must consider other factors, including "maintaining public confidence in the criminal justice system".

Lord Donaldson said, however, that taking into account the public acceptability of a release came "perilously close to lynch law". Lord Donaldson confirmed that he had written to Hindley's legal team, which is considering a possible challenge over her sentence, but said the letter was confidential.

More students drop out

Rising numbers of students are leaving university because they cannot cope with the academic demands of their course, vice-chancellors said yesterday. An estimated 54,000 full-time students abandoned their studies in 1994-95, 10 per cent more than the previous year. The number citing academic reasons for their decision to leave university prematurely rose 20 per cent to 21,000.

Vice-chancellors believe, however, that financial pressures are more to blame for the exodus than intellectual inability. Ted Nield, a spokesman for the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals, said: "People can fail academic courses for financial reasons by spending too much time working for money and not enough in the library."

Meningitis cases refused

St Mary's Hospital in London has turned away children with meningitis because its expertise in dealing with the illness has brought it more referrals than it can handle. Patricia McCann, chief executive, said it admitted 43 children to its paediatric intensive care unit in the ten months to last December but refused admission to 41 others. The hospital takes cases from all over the country.

Masari move defended

In the Commons, John Major defended the decision to order the removal of the Saudi dissident Muhammed al-Masari from Britain to the Caribbean island of Dominica. He said Dr Masari had abused British hospitality and that the United Kingdom should "not give comfort to those who seek to undermine" the Saudi Government. Dr Masari has lodged an appeal against his removal.

Irish honour Charlton

Jack Charlton, left, who resigned last month after ten years as manager of the Irish Republic's football team, is set to become an honorary Irish citizen. The Dublin Cabinet decided yesterday to recommend Mr Charlton, 60, and his wife, Pat, for the honour to President Robinson. The former England footballer will be entitled to an Irish passport and all the rights of Irish citizenship.

Wills legislation shelved

The Government has shelved plans to bring in new legislation to allow "living wills" and to regulate right-to-die cases, the Lord Chancellor announced yesterday. Lord Mackay of Clashfern said the Government had decided against enacting a draft Bill on mental incapacity, drawn up by the Law Commission. Instead it is to issue a consultation paper so there can be wide public consultation.

Radon plans changed

The Government announced a change in its measures against the threat of radon, a radioactive gas that can increase the risk of contracting lung cancer. James Clappison, an Environment Minister, disclosed that the existing system under which any householder in England could ask for a free measurement is to be replaced by a scheme aimed at homes in the most affected areas.

Why men don't shop

Despite all the talk of new man, only one in 25 makes the weekly visit to the supermarket, a survey by the Somerfield supermarket chain suggests. But the reason appears to be not so much dogged male chauvinism as women's determination not to surrender their traditional hegemony over hearth and home, according to the survey of some 2,000 shoppers in 22 towns and cities.

Falklands await Argentine visitor

By Michael Binyon
diplomatic editor

THE daughter of the Argentine Foreign Minister is to visit the Falkland Islands with her family. They will travel on Swiss passports because of the Falklands ban on entry by anyone using an Argentine passport.

The trip is seen as continuing a charm offensive by the Buenos Aires Government. The Foreign Minister, Guido Di Tella, sent Christmas cards to all 2,000 islanders, enclosing photographs of his nine grandchildren and expressing hopes than eight of them could visit the islands on non-Argentine passports.

His daughter, Paula Christian-Gaul, who is married to a Swiss national, is due to visit with her husband and four children and may arrive on Saturday.

The Foreign Office said yesterday it was up to the islanders to decide whether to admit the family. Andrew Gurr, the islands' chief executive, said: "Most people see this as a private visit and they will be treated accordingly."

Islanders compared the Christmas cards to advertising junk mail and said they were a blatant attempt at political propaganda. In his card, Señor Di Tella said: "I know well that the fact that so many Argentines have two passports is considered by you as evidence of disloyal behaviour. Actually, we consider this to be very practical with no further implications."

There are no direct air or sea links between the Falklands and Argentina, and the family would have to travel on a cruise line or on a flight from Chile. Their visit has provoked intense discussion within Argentina, and there are hints that it may be postponed because of the controversy.

Señor Di Tella is due to visit Britain this month for talks with the Government on a new fishing agreement for the waters around the Falklands.

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Parents are found hanged months after daughter dies

By Adrian Lee

THE parents of a schoolgirl who was found dead with a tie looped round her neck after being scolded about her untidy room were discovered hanged yesterday.

Michael Henry, 37, and his wife, Barbara, 38, had struggled to cope with the loss of their daughter Michelle, 12, last October, relatives said. It is believed that Mr and Mrs Henry leave a son.

Derek Francis, 34, the girl's uncle, who came across Michelle's body, also found her parents. Both were hanging from a staircase at the family home in Montpelier, Bristol.

Granville Francis, Mrs Henry's father, said: "They were very close to Michelle and they obviously couldn't come to terms with what had happened."

Vida Tucker, Mrs Henry's cousin, said: "We are a very close-knit family. Michelle's death hit us all very hard. Her parents never got over her death and clearly they just couldn't handle it any more.

"I saw them a few days ago and, although they were smiling, under the surface they were both completely shattered. It takes time to come to terms with a tragedy like Michelle's death and I knew they could never forget it."

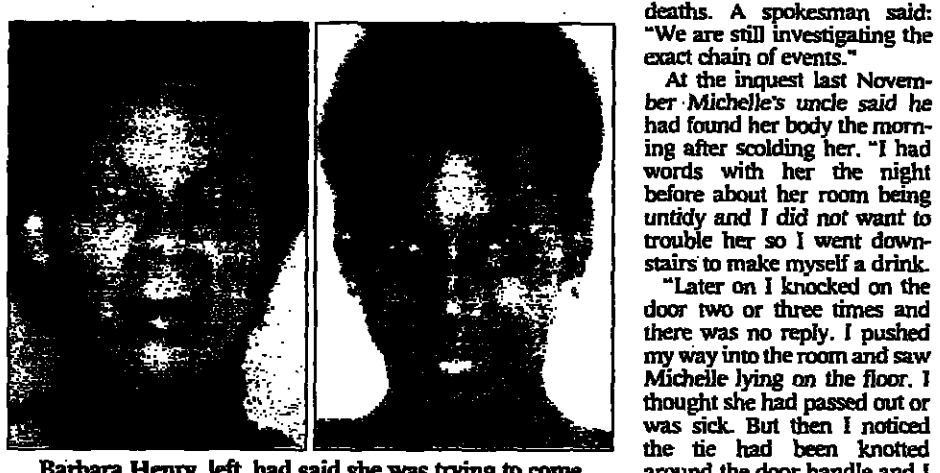
A verdict of accidental death was recorded on Michelle by Paul Forrest, the Avon Coroner. He said he had severe doubts whether a girl of her age could deliberately plan to take her own life. Michelle had been reprimanded by her uncle, a hotel worker who lives with the family, over her untidy bedroom. The next morning she was discovered with a blue silk tie looped round her neck and tied to a door.

After the inquest Mrs Henry, who worked on a project for the homeless, had said: "We are desperately trying to come to terms with her tragic death but I don't know how. She was a very happy and sensible girl and I just cannot see her killing herself. We used to tell her off quite a lot for being untidy and she would be a bit grumpy for a while but it would never last."

Avon and Somerset police were not looking for anyone in connection with the two deaths. A spokesman said: "We are still investigating the exact chain of events."

At the inquest last November Michelle's uncle said he had found her body the morning after scolding her. "I had words with her the night before about her room being untidy and I did not want to trouble her so I went downstairs to make myself a drink.

"Later on I knocked on the door two or three times and there was no reply. I pushed my way into the room and saw Michelle lying on the floor. I thought she had passed out or was sick. But then I noticed the tie had been knotted around the door handle and I realised she was dead."



Barbara Henry, left, had said she was trying to come to terms with the death of her daughter Michelle

Residents of home 'abused'

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

SEVERELY mentally handicapped residents of a home run by fundamentalist Christians were sexually abused, forced to eat horse meat and kept in cold, damp and unhygienic conditions, according to a BBC investigation. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money remains unaccounted for, it alleges.

Algrade residential home in the village of Humbie in Lothian is the subject of investigations by Lothian and Borders Police and social services officials. Conditions at the home, where 32 vulnerable residents lived, was also the subject of an adjournment debate last night introduced by John Home Robertson, the Labour MP for East Lothian. The allegations have been made by a number of people involved with the home in a BBC Scotland programme to be broadcast tomorrow night. Council inspectors found residents wearing their overcoats in cold, damp cottages heated only by a single-bar electric fire. They had been fed pony meat and there was no professional cook.

A male care worker is alleged to have sexually abused male residents and Mr Home Robertson said that much of the £400,000 paid by the Department of Social Security each year for the care of the residents was siphoned off by the Algrade Trust for its own purposes.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Girlie Show presenters lining up yesterday are, left to right, Sara Cox, Rachel Williams and Clare Gorham

New lad takes a back seat as 'yoof' TV gives us girls behaving badly

By Kathryn Knight

AFTER "new lad" comes "new lass", accompanied by purple lipstick, pierced lips and a litany of bawdy jokes. Channel 4's *The Girlie Show*, billed as "all mouth and no trousers", promises to fill the Friday post-pub television slot with an hour of women behaving badly. It will be presented by a female trio comprising a bisexual former lingerie model, a journalist and a barmaid.

The show turns Seventies sexism upside down: this time men are the target of lechery and lewd jokes. While new lad was happy to drink beer and watch football as he flicked through his copy of *Loaded* magazine, his female counterpart is fighting back with an assertive laugh at his expense.

Controlled and sexually confident, new lass spends a lot of time in nightclubs talking about sex. She parties hard, drinks a lot and dares her partner to wax his chest hair. She is proud of her own body and horrified by political correctness.

The Girlie Show, which will fill the Friday night slot vacated by *The Word*, hopes to provide a female perspective to the traditional late-night youth programme with its sex talk, interview and music format. Regular features will include Toilet Talk, in which night-clubbing girls are interviewed in the ladies about issues of importance, generally men, and Viewers' Husbands, in which women are invited to submit photos of their partners in various ridiculous and skimpy outfits.

Courtney Gibson, one of the programme's two women producers, said at yesterday's launch that the show's presenters are normal girls who reflect 1990's womanhood. Rachel Williams, 27, deemed "a towering inferno of femme fatale-ity," is a New York-based model who used to model underwear for a living and has posed nude for *Playboy*. Sara Cox, 21, from Bolton, and 29-year-old Clare Gorham, a former writer for *Pride* magazine, are newcomers to television.

"These girls are not just decorative," Ms Gibson said. "What you see is what you get. They just want to have fun."

The Girlie Show is born of a long line of youth magazine programmes that like to style themselves as "TV with attitude". They pride themselves on the unpredictability of live audiences and are adept at pushing back the boundaries of taste.

"Yoof" TV, as it became known, was mothered by Janet Street Porter, and appeared in the 1980s with Channel 4's *Network 7*, a teen programme mixing music with chat. *Def II* and *Rapido* were followed by *The Word*, which disappeared last April after complaints that it breached taste guidelines. *Passengers* and *Eurotrash*.

The Girlie Show, to go out on January 26, promises to keep up their bad name.

TV sex programme was too explicit

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

THE ITV programme *The Good Sex Guide Abroad* has been censured for showing an explicit scene of female masturbation.

The Independent Television Commission ruled that Carlton Television, maker of the programme, had not used sufficient "tact and discretion" when it showed women at a masturbation course at an American clinic and some of the techniques taught.

The commission suggested it would have been better for Carlton to have included an explanation of the techniques in written material accompanying the programme. It rejected Carlton's defence that an instructional series on sex could not achieve its educational purpose without some degree of explicit detail.

In a separate ruling, the commission said that Granada was wrong to include a story about rape involving a 15-year-old couple in the children's hospital drama series *The Ward*.

Marie Claire editor joins US exodus

By Carol Midgley

GLENDA BAILEY, the energetic force behind *Marie Claire* magazine, has joined the exodus to America by the editors of women's magazines in Britain.

Miss Bailey, 36, is to leave the glossy magazine she has edited since its inception seven years ago and follow the well-trodden path to New York where she has been appointed editor of the American version of the magazine.

Staff were told of the move at their Blackfriars office in London yesterday. No successor has been announced.

Known for her Derbyshire accent and securing a circulation figure of about 430,000, Miss Bailey, who features in a current American Express television advertisement, was the colourful subject of the Cutting Edge documentary *Absolutely Marie Claire*. She has been credited with securing 11 awards for the magazine.

Miss Bailey, who is unmarried but will be accompanied to New York by her partner, follows in the footsteps of the journalist Tina Brown who left Britain to edit *Vanity Fair* and, more controversially, *The New Yorker*.

Other editors who went after Miss Brown include Vicki Woods, of *Harpers & Queen*, Linda Kelsey, of *She*, Marcelle d'Argy Smith, of *Cosmopolitan*, and Francine Lawrence, of *Country Living*, who have all left their jobs in the past few months.

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Bailey: was subject of TV documentary

Estate champion stabbed to death

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

A COMMUNITY leader may have paid with his life for arguing with thieves when they dumped a stolen car, police said yesterday.

Alan Whitehouse, 41, chairman of the Hamlet residents association in West Bromwich, West Midlands, was stabbed to death. His body was found close to a Ford Fiesta that had been driven around the area by thieves.

Mr Whitehouse, a window cleaner, was eager to improve the area and had said that if he won the National Lottery he would pay for closed-circuit television to make the streets safer. He was renowned for cooking Indian and Chinese meals which he gave away to neighbours.

Carol, his wife, said yesterday: "He believed that things like breaking the law should be stopped. If he had seen anything he would have gone up and said his piece and then just walked away. He would tell them to clear off, that they were doing wrong." She appealed for information about her husband's movements after leaving his local pub, the Oliver Cromwell, at 1am on Saturday. He was found an hour later by a couple walking their dog on a nearby playing field.

Superintendent Dave Unwin, leading the inquiry, said Mr Whitehouse had died as a result of a frenzied attack which could have involved several people. "He was a member of society that cared about the problems in the area. This is a waste of a life; of a guy who was well-liked in the community, a guy that had a normal family life and enjoyed his pint."

Adam Harris, 27, Mr Whitehouse's stepson, said: "He was a good bloke and everybody loved him. He would help anybody. He was good for the community and if he was out on his window round and an old-age pensioner wanted a bulb changing or some milk fetched in he would do it."

Bank fights back over loan debts

By Paul Wilkinson

A COUPLE who successfully sued Lloyds Bank over bad mortgage advice yesterday faced a counter claim for tens of thousands of pounds.

Julia Verity and Richard Spindler were awarded £77,529 damages in September after winning a landmark court rule. They had successfully argued at the High Court that the bank had wrongly advised them in 1988 to borrow £150,000 to buy a house in their home town of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, to renovate and sell for a profit.

Ms Verity, 55, a teacher, and Mr Spindler, 36, an acupuncturist, had hoped to sell the £126,000 property for £160,000 within 12 months but after spending £25,000 on improvements, the house market collapsed and it was two years before they could dispose of the property for £135,000. Another house owned by Mr Spindler had to be sold to help to meet interest charges on their mortgages.

Last September Judge Robert Taylor, sitting in Leeds, ruled that the couple's bank manager had given them bad advice on the property market.

Yesterday Lloyds returned to the High Court in Leeds to counter claim money from four loans the couple had taken out for their scheme. John MacKenzie, representing the couple, argued that because of last September's judgment, all the bank was entitled to was the proceeds of the investment property, even though it did not meet the outstanding debts.

However Gregory Mitchell, for Lloyds, said that if that were correct it would be possible for a person to renege on a £1 million loan if he could prove bad advice had led to a £10 loss. He said that even allowing for last year's settlement, the couple still owed Lloyds £27,851 plus interest outstanding on their loans.

Outside court Ms Verity said the bank was trying to ruin them financially. The trial continues.

Cider drinker sues over mug in pub

By Michael Hornsby

A WOMAN is suing a former publican and his wife, claiming she suffered brain damage from lead poisoning after repeatedly drinking cider from a painted ceramic mug.

Marian Bloom, 41, was a patron of the Queen's Head in Stradbroke, Suffolk, where she invariably used the mug, the High Court was told yesterday.

She is suing Frederick Farrow and his wife, Mary, for £50,000 for pain, suffering and the loss of her prospects of becoming a solicitor. Mr and Mrs Farrow, who deny liability, no longer run the pub but still live in Stradbroke.

Mrs Bloom began drinking from the mug in May 1987, her counsel, Susan Rodway, told Judge Bathurst Norman. She would drink up to five pints of cider on Friday nights and Sunday lunchtimes and call in at the pub two or three other times a week. She began to suffer stomach cramps and nausea, but hospital tests in October 1987 revealed nothing as no one suspected lead poisoning.

Two months later Mrs Bloom suffered severe bouts of dizziness and her words became jumbled. She had an epileptic seizure and went into a coma for three days. Miss Rodway said that a junior doctor diagnosed lead poisoning. Mrs Bloom's body was found to have accumulated approximately ten times the lead a human being could absorb safely.

Giving evidence, Mrs Bloom, a Canadian-born mother of three, said she had been in the pub with friends one Saturday lunchtime when another customer had come in with a box of mugs. Mrs Farrow had offered the box to Mrs Bloom's party, asking each of them to choose one for personal use. From then on, Mrs Bloom said, she had always been served cider in the same mug.

Colin, her husband, said the mug was identified as the source of the poisoning after the local environmental health department asked him to think of anything that his wife used but he did not.

Mr and Mrs Farrow maintain that it was Mrs Bloom's own decision to choose the mug, which had then become her property. They accuse her of deliberately exaggerating her disabilities for financial gain. Miss Rodway said her client was claiming negligence and breach of contract under the Sale of Goods Act. This required that the cider should have been of "merchantable quality" and the container in which it was served reasonably fit for the purpose.

Mrs Bloom said she still drank at the Queen's Head. Asked by Andrew Prynne, QC, for Mr and Mrs Farrow, whether she had given up alcohol, she laughed and replied: "No". When he asked her if her usual intake was a lot to drink, she said: "Is it?" She said she got "merry" from drinking the cider.

Mrs Bloom said she could not quantify the brain damage she had suffered. "I just know I'm not the same as I used to be."

The case continues.

Bloom: she still drinks at the Queen's Head

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Newbury protesters face eviction from bypass base

By Nigel Williamson and Tim Jones

EVIDENCE against "professional protesters" compiled by a private detective agency will be used by government solicitors next week in legal proceedings to evict the tree-house dwellers delaying construction of the Newbury bypass.

The High Court will be asked to grant possession orders on four sites occupied by the demonstrators, many of whom are associated with militant environmental groups such as Earth First! and Road Alert. A number of individuals have been identified from previous anti-road protests by Brays, a Southampton-based detective agency also employed by the Government at Twyford Down and for the M11 protest in east London.

A spokeswoman for the Highways Agency, which is building the nine-mile bypass, said: "The names from one site all come up again at the others." She said that Brays had passed on the names and evidence to the Treasury Solicitor, and further action was planned to seek possession of at least half a dozen other camps along the proposed A34 route.

Police have expressed concern about the role of highly organised radical groups, sometimes known as "eco-warriors". A Special Branch dossier names Earth First! as a main "direct action" group.

Earth First! was founded by Jason Torrance, 24, who was one of ten people jailed over the Twyford Down protest.

Bentham: said business opposed route of road

The group's newsletter carries a "destruction hotline" number with a Reading code and asks supporters to ring and "leave your number so you can be contacted to help stop work". The group has established a "safe camp" to accommodate protesters arriving from other parts of the country.

The organisation is on the Internet and offers a legal helpline for arrested protesters. It also advises on how to claim state benefits and prevent the local jobcentre finding unwelcome employment.

Earth First's current newsletter bears the motto "breaking something is the only way" in Welsh and describes itself as "based on a concept of non-hierarchical organisation, direct action and the empowerment of individuals to confront the ecological catastrophe facing our planet".

Emma Must, 29, a former librarian, and Rebecca Lush, 23, a politics student from Hampshire, founder members of Road Alert, are also taking a prominent role. Both spent a month in Holloway prison for their activities at the Twyford Down protest.

The eviction move came as local businessmen claimed the £100 million bypass was in the wrong place and should be on the eastern side of the town, close to industry. Yesterday, Adrian Foster-Fletcher, who runs a recruitment agency, said: "I am totally opposed to the bypass, particularly on the route they are now ploughing through. It is disruptive and divisive.

"But if there must be a bypass it should be built on the east side of the town where most of the business is." John Bentham, another local businessman, said: "Basically, we are talking about the destruction of beautiful English countryside. If the bypass has to be built they should consider the tunnel option or other solutions."

Another businessman, Clive Osborne, said: "The destruction just seems to be too great. In any event, it is being built in the wrong place, on the wrong side of town from where the industries are." David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, said he remained "totally convinced" that most people and businesses wanted the bypass. He was backed by Newbury Chamber of Commerce, which said it was certain that most of its members were fully behind it. A spokesman for Racal Vodafone, the largest employer in Newbury, said: "We are very supportive of the bypass."

Police made 34 arrests yesterday as protesters continued to disrupt clearance work. By 11am, about 100 small trees had been cleared from a site at the northern end of the bypass route. About 20 demonstrators were later perched in the trees. Copying tactics used against the destruction of Canadian forests, campaigners have driven nails into some trees and left notices warning that felling them with chainsaws could be highly dangerous.

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Demonstrators tie themselves to a tree. Other eco-warriors have been identified as "professional protesters"

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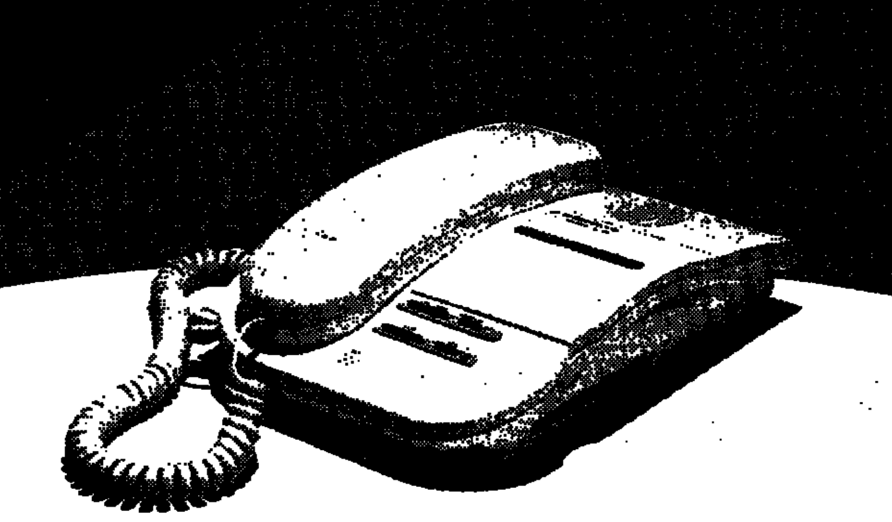

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High Court bans firm's advert for bald cure

A COMPANY that claimed baldness could be cured by standing upside down was forbidden from advertising its remedies by the High Court yesterday.

Quest Hair Research and Derek Tubb, the director, were ordered to stop publishing advertisements for a book, *Natural Cure for Baldness*, and a hair-restoring formula called Restore.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading, which brought the action, said: "Claims made for the book and the formula left consumers in no doubt that they would provide a cure for baldness. The 'cure' outlined in the book amounted to standing on your shoulders for a short period each day."

Evidence from the Office of Fair Trading included testimony from a consultant trichologist who said there was no cure for hereditary baldness.

The director-general sought the injunction after receiving complaints from the Advertising Standards Authority that Quest had continued to publish misleading advertisements despite promising that it would stop.

Mr Bridgeman said: "This was a particularly blatant and persistent attempt to mislead consumers. Companies should be in no doubt that the Office of Fair Trading will take firm action in such circumstances."

Protest to Bottomley over arts funding

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE artistic director of the Royal Court Theatre, Stephen Daldry, the actress Eleanor Bron and the jazz musicians John Dankworth and Cleo Laine are to join a protest today against cuts in spending on the arts and museums.

Sir Michael Tippett and the sculptor Sir Anthony Caro are among prominent figures who have sent messages of support to the National Campaign for the Arts. Speakers at its "Arts Alert Day" will be introduced by Melvyn Bragg.

The campaigners are angered by the Chancellor's decision to cut the arts budget by £8.5 million over the next two years. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, has agreed to receive a letter arguing that the arts are among our greatest national assets and asking her to "restore the level of funding in real terms to what it was at the time of the 1992 general election".

The conductor Sir Charles Mackerras said: "Like so many people inside and outside the artistic professions, I am horrified that this philistine Government continually reduces its already miserly support for the arts just when Britain's artistic institutions are flourishing."

This morning there will be a meeting at the Playhouse Theatre and, this afternoon, a lobby of Parliament.

Number crunchers chalk up 55 years

By Ian Murray

FIFTY-FIVE years ago, beer was 10d (4p) a pint and the average house cost less than £2,000. Now beer is £1.49 and houses average £63,000. According to the Central Statistical Office, it now costs more than £1 to buy what sold for a shilling (5p) in 1941, the year the CSO was founded on Winston Churchill's orders.

Britain's principal collector of economic statistics has produced a numerical snapshot of the intervening years to mark its birthday today. In April it will merge with the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys to collate all the nation's statistics.

The CSO was set up in the same building in Horseguards Road as the War Cabinet. Its mission was to reduce the time spent arguing about statistics by producing reliable figures on which to base decisions crucial to the war effort.

After proving its worth in war, the CSO became an essential part of the machinery of peacetime government. Its responsibilities expanded to include the retail price index and the trade figures.

Today's publication, based on the CSO's records over 55 years, shows that the number of private cars has grown from 1.9 million to more than 20 million, and petrol, no longer rationed, is 30 times more expensive. Over those years the population has grown by almost 10 million to 56.7 million, of whom almost one in six is over 64 — double the proportion of 1941. Divorces have soared from 7,000 to 160,000 a year and births outside marriage from 53 per 1,000 to 321.

The year the CSO was created Bob Dylan, Placido Domingo and Faye Dunaway were born and James Joyce and Virginia Woolf died. The Marx brothers' *The Big Store* was competing for audiences with *The Maltese Falcon*.

Churchill: needed reliable statistics

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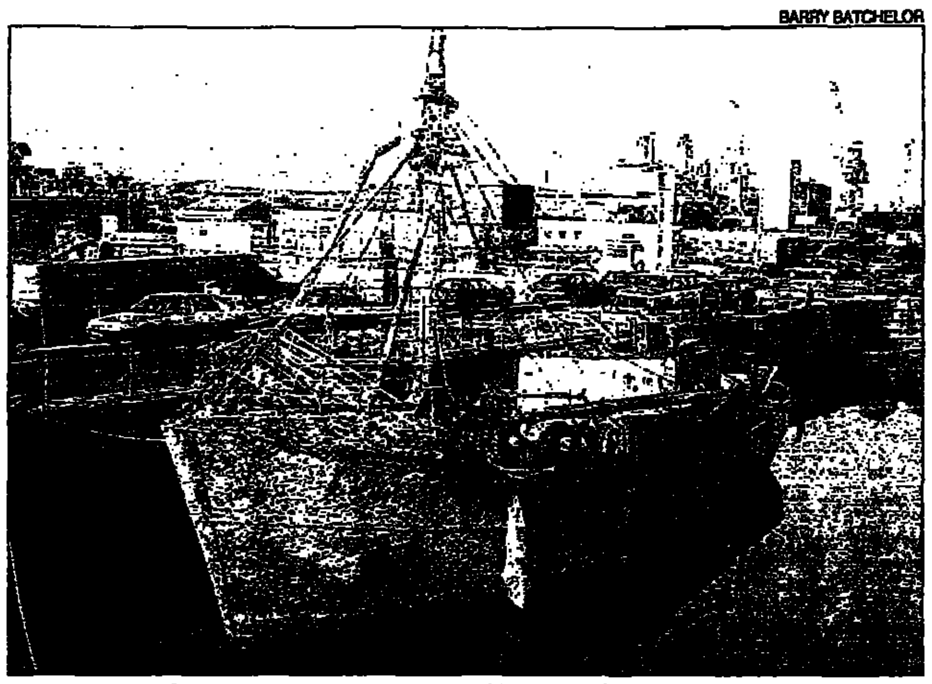
Managers are accused of manslaughter by sending out the Pescado unfit to sail

Novice crew of six 'killed by executive negligence'

By Michael Horsnell

Alan Ayres, left, and Joseph O'Connor: breach of duty was a gross negligence, the court was told



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Lost with all hands: the Pescado, said to have had faulty equipment

SIX novice sailors were sent to their deaths aboard an unseaworthy trawler that capsized off the Cornish coast, a court was told yesterday. In a rare prosecution, two executives of the company that owned the vessel are charged with manslaughter.

The 60-ton *Pescado*, which sailed from Falmouth, Cornwall, was alleged to have had one inadequate liferaft, no emergency beacon, a broken radio, a faulty compass, a faulty autopilot, obscured navigation lights and an invalid safety certificate.

Francis Gilbert, QC, for the prosecution at Bristol Crown Court, said four other crew had refused to serve on the trawler when it set out on February 25, 1991, to fish for scallops. There was no further contact. By March 8, when the body of the woman cook was washed up near St Austell, it was determined the ship had foundered with the loss of all hands. The following month the wreck was found on the seabed in 250ft of water, 13 miles south off Dodman Point, Cornwall. On October 4 another body was recovered by a trawler not far from the wreck. In May the next year, the remains of part of a third body were found. No other bodies were recovered. The Marine Accident Investigation Bureau passed its findings to the Devon and Cornwall police, who had the wreck raised on September 20, 1993, and taken to Devonport Dockyard.

In court, Joseph O'Connor, 44, the managing agent of the company Guideday, and the managing director, Alan Ayres, 56, denied manslaughter between February 24 and March 9, 1991. The charges allege that the two men, both from Plymouth, were in breach of a duty to the crew to take reasonable care for their safety, and that the breach of duty amounted to gross negligence, which was a substantial cause of the disaster.

Mr Gilbert said there would be evidence that the *Pescado* did not sink because of a collision with another vessel but that she capsized.

The lost crew were skipper Neil Curry, 28, from South Uist, Western Isles; cook Jo-Ann Thomas, 23, from Plymouth; Peter Birley, 34, of Fleetwood, Lancashire; Steven Hardy, 30, from Plymouth; Sean Kelly, 17, from Brixham, Devon; and Adrian Flynn, 21, from Lincoln.

Mr Gilbert said that, in 1990, a skipper found the *Pescado* to be unsafe, unseaworthy and dangerous. The skipper and three other men who had set out initially from Plymouth decided to leave the vessel on arrival at Falmouth. This left only Mr Curry and Mr Birley as crew. They were joined by the four others who died.

Mr Gilbert said: "These were the innocents who were on that vessel when it sailed. None of this crew had any qualifications. They were in effect novices sent to their deaths."

In the Guideday company, Mr Ayres owned half the shares. Mr O'Connor, who provided the fishing experience, had gone bankrupt but in 1990 was in control of the vessel when it was refitted "from being barely more than being fit for scrap".

After complaints from the 1990 crew about the absence of a liferaft, Mr O'Connor produced one from his garden. It was lashed to the railings instead of hanging free. Regulations required two.

The vessel was only 12 minutes' flying time from the rescue helicopters of the Royal Naval air station Culdrose when she sank and some of the crew would have survived had statutory safety equipment been on board.

The trial continues.

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Captain dies in fight to save crippled vessel

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE skipper of a fishing boat died and five crew members were injured when an oil-fired stove exploded, spraying the crew with flames and fuel.

Paul Simpson, 43, from Jersey, is believed to have died when he became trapped below decks on the *Inconnu* as he struggled to control the fire and save his boat before she hit rocks at the foot of huge cliffs near the Old Man of Hoy off Orkney.

The accident happened shortly after midnight yesterday but the alarm was raised only seven hours later when one crew member in a liferaft was spotted by the *St Ola* car ferry. Choppy seas prevented the ferry launching her liferaft but the captain, James Winterburn, manoeuvred his vessel alongside the raft, allowing the crewman to scramble up a ladder.

Andrew Watt, 32, suffering from cold and burns, asked the captain to search for his colleagues. A helicopter from RAF Lossiemouth and three lifeboats joined the operation.

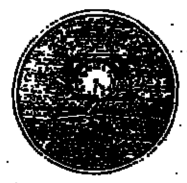
Four other survivors were found at the bottom of the 1,100ft cliffs close to the wreckage of the *Inconnu*. They had stayed on board the 57ft crabber and jumped to safety when the boat hit the rocks. The men, suffering from burns, cuts and exposure, were admitted to hospital on Orkney but later released.

Mr Watt, 32, of Dunbeath, Highland, managed to get on deck through the engine room with other crew members. "The heat was so fierce it lifted the skin off my hands. I had a rope attached to the liferaft wrapped round my wrist. I was screaming for the other boys to join me, but I was dragged over the side into the water.

"With my boots and heavy socks I was being dragged under, I thought I was going to drown, but I somehow managed to pull myself on to the raft." With flames shooting into the air from the *Inconnu*, Mr Watt fired off six flares but failed to attract a ship a mile away.

"I kept two flares and waited for hour after hour for the *St Ola* to pass. That was my last chance. There was a big swell running, but they managed to put down a rope ladder."

The search for Mr Simpson was called off at lunchtime yesterday. He leaves his wife, Mary, and their two young daughters.



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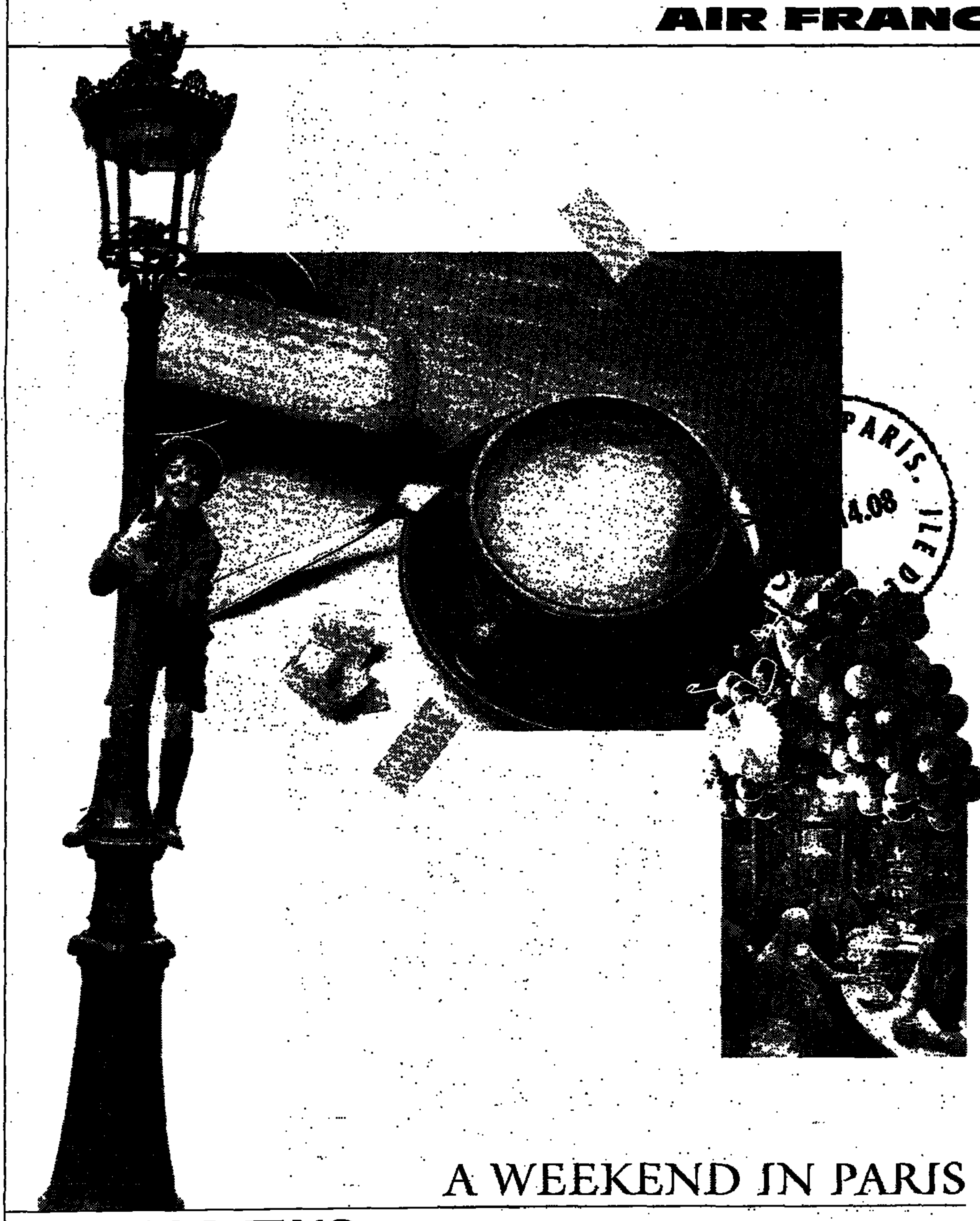

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Portillo buys British in defiance of his advisers

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

£40 million boost: the Land Rover plant in Solihull

THE ARMY is to order its next generation of military ambulances from Land Rover after Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, ignored a recommendation to buy a rival Austrian vehicle.

The contract for 700 British-made ambulances worth nearly £40 million is expected to be announced in the Commons during an Army debate tomorrow.

Officials from the Ministry of Defence procurement executive had favoured buying the Austrian Pinzgauer ambulance, made by Steyr Daimler Puch. In trials it was said to have provided a faster and smoother ride for injured troops.

However, the Land Rover also performed well and some defence sources said both vehicles had their good points. Although the Austrian bid was more expensive — apparently by about £60 million — the company said the long-term costs would be considerably cheaper than with Land Rover. This was one of the claims that impressed officials when they examined the bids even though, technically, the Austrian vehicle exceeded the Army's requirements.

The Austrian company's claim of a more cost-effective "life cycle" was disputed by Land Rover, which has mounted an intensive lobbying campaign in the past few weeks to persuade Mr Portillo to buy British, warning of serious consequences for exports. Mr Portillo also faced pressure from Tory MPs in the Midlands — where Land Rover is based — including Sir Norman Fowler, the former Tory party chairman.

When Mr Portillo became Defence Secretary he announced an order for American Apache attack helicopters for the Army, rejecting other bids including a European helicopter involving British companies. However, he was merely approving a decision taken by his predecessor, Malcolm Rifkind. Mr Portillo is currently deciding whether to order a midlife refit for the RAF's Tornado F3 air defence aircraft — equipping it with new missiles — or lease American F16 fighters for the next ten years. A decision to lease F16s will guarantee political opposition from Labour MPs and some Tories.

Anticipating the announcement of a Land Rover contract, David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "It looks as if a bit of common sense has finally prevailed. We found it incredible that the Government could even contemplate not giving the contract to Land Rover."

The Land Rover ambulance is a derivative of the four-wheel drive Defender, which is powered by a 2.5-litre turbo diesel engine. The chassis is strengthened by specialist body sections and can carry four stretchers. The Austrian Pinzgauer has a 2.4-litre diesel engine and a complex pneumatic suspension system.

Land Rover is also expected to be awarded a £125 million contract to supply up to 8,000 light utility trucks.

Weedkiller linked to frogs' decline

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have established a link between the falling number of frogs and one of the world's biggest-selling weedkillers. Tests indicate that paraquat, used in gardens and on farms, can deform and kill tadpoles after becoming concentrated in certain pond weed.

All over the world frogs appear to be in decline and researchers are linking the fall with a number of possible factors, including rising temperatures, the thinning of the ozone layer and pollution. The findings indicate that weedkillers, which reach ponds from airborne sprays or from land near by, might play a role in the decline.

Scientists are calling for more research to screen the possible impact of a range of herbicides and how they interact with freshwater plants. The research on paraquat was carried out at the University of Indiana, using the Rio Grande leopard frog.

English Nature, the Government's wildlife adviser, is holding a conference this month at Kew Gardens to promote the importance of garden design for the benefit of amphibians. Mary Gibson, a freshwater expert with the organisation, said yesterday that the findings could have important implications for households with garden ponds.

Zeneca Agrochemicals, a big manufacturer of paraquat, said it believed the weedkiller was safe but it would study the findings. Farmers are told to spray pesticides more than six metres from a water course but paraquat is exempt from this rules.

Solicitors 'fail to heed complaints'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MOST people who complain about solicitors are highly dissatisfied with the way the profession handles their complaint, according to a survey published by the Law Society today.

It shows that of a sample of 2,246 complainants to the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau, 67 per cent were unhappy with the outcome. Almost half thought the bureau, whose future is under scrutiny, was "heavily influenced in favour of solicitors and the legal profession" and believed that complaints were not investigated properly.

People who were told by the bureau that they did not have a valid complaint, or that their case was closed and that the bureau could not take the matter any further, were particularly dissatisfied. The survey by the Law Society's research and policy planning unit is the most comprehensive to date on the handling of complaints.

Most complaints in the survey were over conveyancing and divorce or family work, although there was also a significant proportion generated by personal injury cases. The most common complaints were excessive delay (more than 50 per cent), failure to respond to telephone calls or letters and failure to follow instructions.

The next largest category was excessive charges, with almost a third complaining, compared with 6 per cent of respondents in a survey in 1990. The bureau, based in Leamington, costs the profession in England and Wales £9 million a year and has been criticised by solicitors for being costly and interfering.

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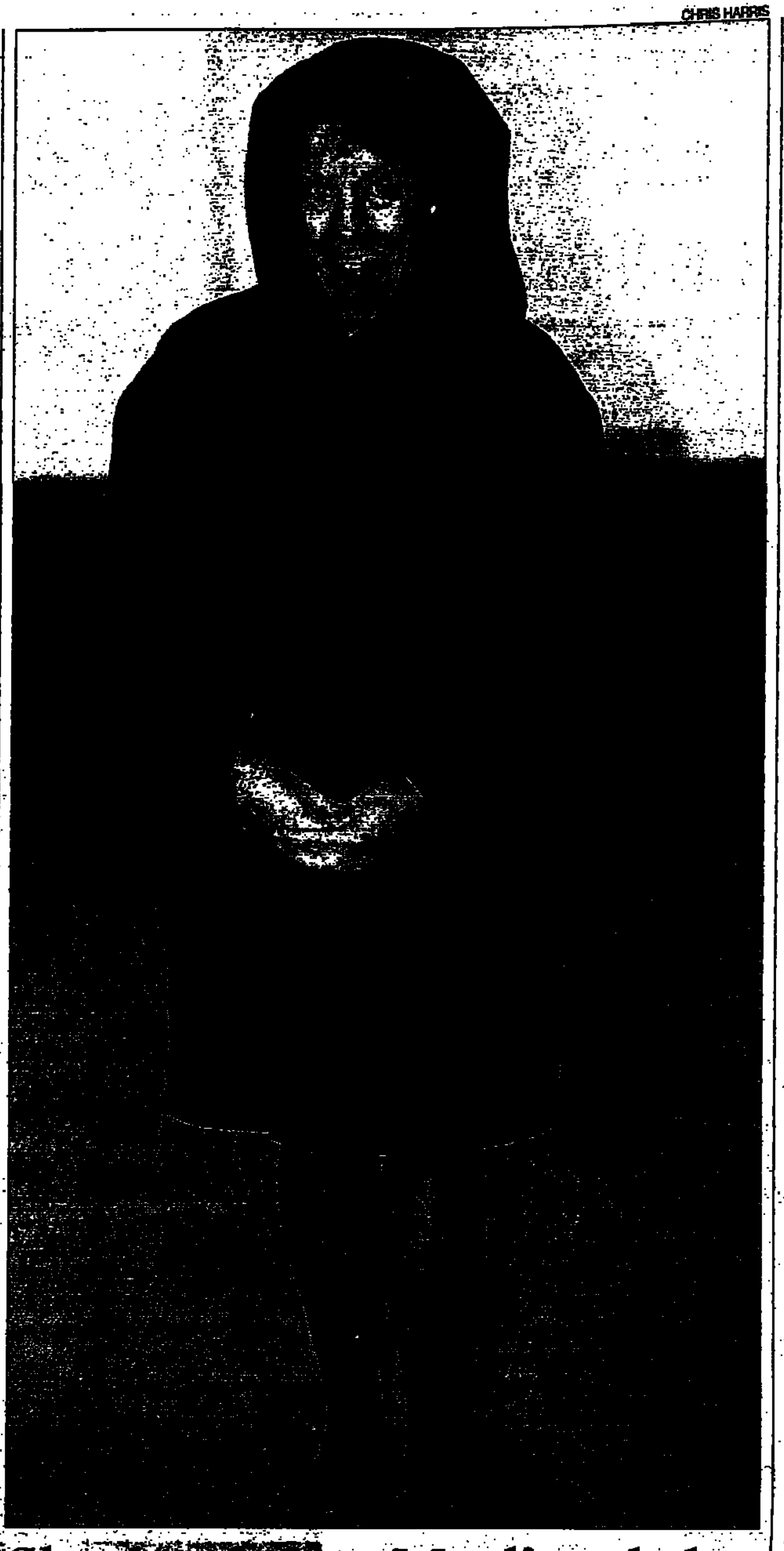

Shephard gives Muslim pledge

Gillian Shephard donned a hood and removed her shoes, above, to visit a mosque attached to the Al-Sadiq and Al-Hadi schools in Kilburn, northwest London. The Education Secretary met some of the 300 pupils, right, who follow the national curriculum and receive Muslim instruction. The Shia schools, which opened in 1991, will have their first GCSE candidates this year. The minister promised to consider fresh applications from Muslim schools to join the state system.

Silent invader kills by stealth

MEDICAL BRIEFING

A CAMPAIGN to alert the public to the dangers of carbon monoxide, a silent and odourless killer, is concentrating on warning householders of the need to keep gas fires and other slow combustion heaters in good repair and to maintain ventilation in living rooms.

The public already understands that in some rented accommodation new tenants need to cast a critical eye over any gas appliances. Also heaters in holiday accommodation abroad must be treated with care and a through draught maintained.

Carbon monoxide is formed when there is incomplete combustion of carbon fuel. Although North Sea gas is not in itself poisonous, it will give out carbon monoxide if any undetected fault in the gas appliance results in its incomplete burning.

Some solid fuel burners, if they have blocked flues, if the range leaks, or if there is poor ventilation in the room, can equally well kill somebody who is huddled over them for warmth. I have always regarded the kitchen range in my Norfolk cottage with some suspicion since I was told that one day, when the doors and windows to the kitchen had been shut, the previous tenant's labrador had been found unconscious beside it.

The sources of carbon monoxide are legion — poisoning from car exhausts has replaced that provided by gas fires as a common method of suicide. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be found in unexpected circumstances. In the First World War enough of the gas accumulated in machine-gun pits to be a risk to gunners, and tramps have died beside coke braziers.

The authorities cannot warn people against every eventuality but many may be tempted to block up the ventilation panels in their rooms, to save money by not having flues and chimneys swept and to forgo services on appliances.

Carbon monoxide is as readily picked up by the haemoglobin, the oxygen carrying pigment in the blood as is oxygen itself. When the blood is 20 per cent saturated with carbon monoxide the patient feels tired and headachy. By the time it is 30 per cent saturated the headache is unbearable and the person feels sick.

With over 50 per cent saturation, a gassed person becomes unconscious and at 80 per cent will die. If the patient is rescued the brain is often irreparably damaged.

When exposed to carbon monoxide in the atmosphere the saturation rate can increase insidiously. If as little as 0.2 per cent of the air breathed in is carbon monoxide the patient will probably be dead in four hours.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Monk on murder charge attacked

The Buddhist monk who has admitted killing Johanne Masheder was attacked and abused by a 200-strong crowd when taken to re-enact the crime at a temple cave. Yodchart Suaphoo, 21, was punched in the face by the nephew of the abbot at the Tham Kaopoon temple before police pulled their guns to drive away the crowd.

The Masheder family, from Wincle, Cheshire, have been upset by pictures of her body appearing in the Thai media. The law graduate, 23, who had been on holiday, died after being pushed into a ravine. Police said yesterday that the murder investigation should be completed in two weeks.

Sickness delays Maxwell verdict

The jury in the Maxwell fraud trial was discharged for the day yesterday after a woman member became ill. Six have had chest infections during more than 47 hours of deliberations at Chichester Rents, the Old Bailey annexe. Kevin Maxwell, 36, Ian Maxwell, 39, and a former ex-Maxwell aide, Larry Trachtenberg, 42, deny conspiracy to defraud pension funds.

Five arrested

Four security guards and a rickshaw driver were arrested in connection with the murder last week of James Skinner, a British tourist, in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, the Press Trust of India said.

Body found

Police are trying to identify a decomposed body found inside a submerged Volkswagen car at Shoreham-by-Sea harbour, West Sussex. The body and car are believed to have been in the water for months.

Sex case settled

Natasha Ford, 13, from Acocks Green, Birmingham, has won £100 compensation after claiming Raza newsagents sexually discriminated against her by refusing to give her a paperboy's round.

Sheep cleared

More than 30,000 sheep on 20 farms in Snowdonia have been released from "movement and slaughter" restrictions imposed after the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. However, 220,000 are still affected.

Smashing sleep

A pensioner slept as a car went out of control and smashed into the roof of her house. Doris Allen, 74, of Stubbington, Hampshire, was woken by police after the accident. No one in the car was badly hurt.

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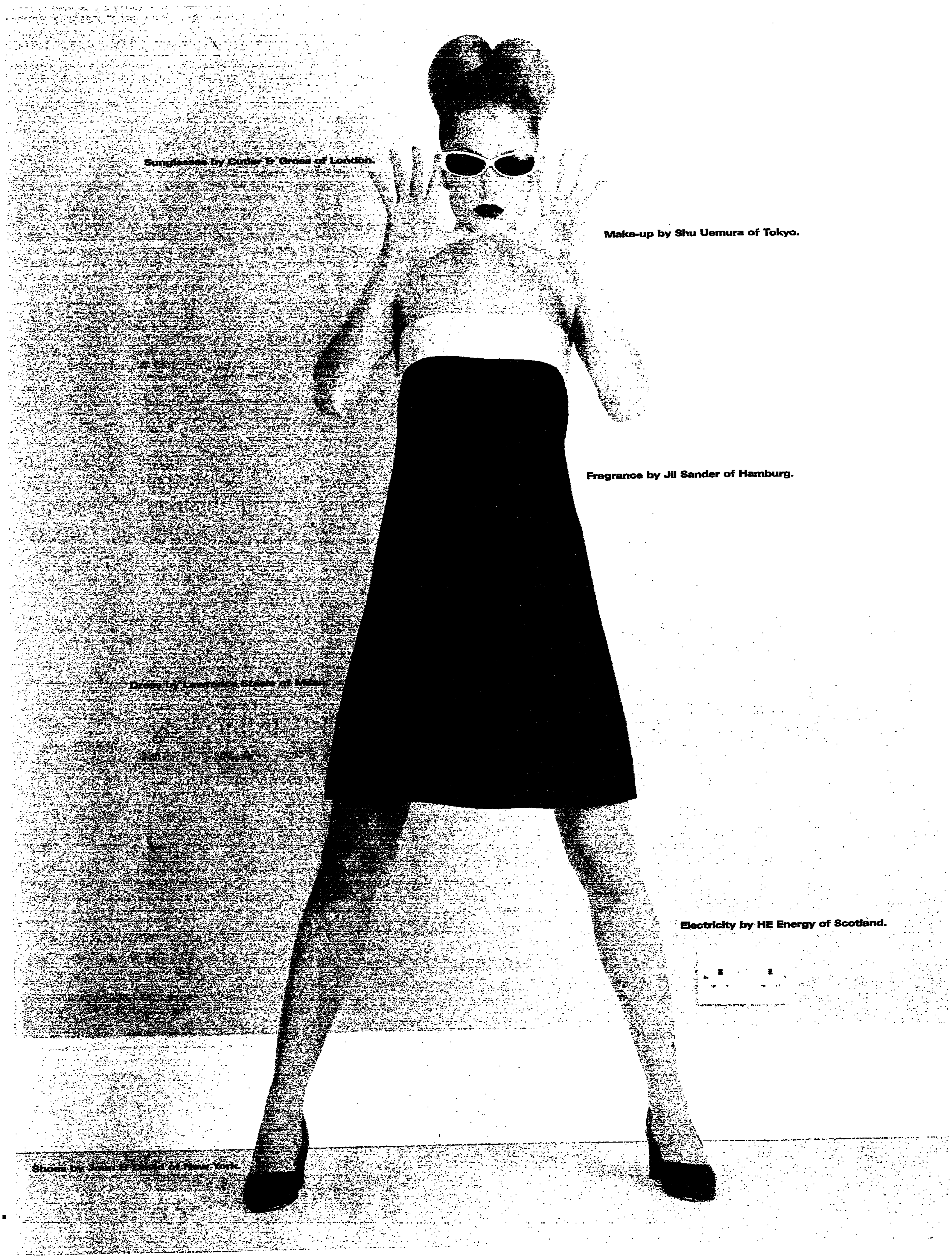
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Campaign teams attack each other as contest for 2000 exhibition turns into slanging match

Millennium rivals bicker over tales of two cities

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

Scott: front man in fight for Greenwich

A BATTLE to host the Millennium Exhibition in 2000 has degenerated into a slanging match. Supporters of an application from Greenwich have accused rivals at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham of starting a whispering campaign in the media and of spreading "horror stories" alleging there is toxic waste and pollution on the south London site.

The Greenwich Millennium Trust has counter-claimed that the NEC application wrongly includes more than £50 million from Birmingham City Council, which part-owns the NEC. A spokesman for the trust said: "The Millennium is paid from the public purse so, if council tax money is used in Birmingham, people from that city would be paying twice."

John Cole, marketing director of the NEC, accused Greenwich supporters of trying to whip up controversy to benefit their own bid: "They are clearly getting edgy."

The Millennium Commission meets today to discuss which of the two cities is the most deserving of a £100 million National Lottery grant to get the year-long exhibition, which will emulate the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the Festival of Britain in 1951. The winner is expected to be announced this month. The event is forecast to attract more than 15 million people, create thousands of jobs and bring at least £500 million of capital investment.

Greenwich claims historic and romantic advantages over Birmingham. American television companies planning millennium broadcasts have for the past year been trying to book the buildings that used to house the Royal Observatory. Andrew Parry, project coordinator, says: "The question of the best place should be decided on which will have the most national and international resonance with visitors." A key point in the Greenwich plan will be the introduction of a river bus to transport visitors along the Thames. The site will also benefit from the new Jubilee Line extension to the Underground.

Birmingham claims better transport infrastructure and an experienced site. The NEC is co-owned by Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. John Cole, marketing director for the NEC, said: "There is a strong feeling that the event is about changing cultures and conventions and to welcoming in the new. "To make the commitment to holding the Millennium Exhibition outside London would be a very significant symbol."

Each site is being backed by a commercial exhibition organiser, each sworn to silence about the precise details.

As a front man, Greenwich has employed Sir Bob Scott, leader of Manchester's two failed Olympic Games bids and a successful bid for England to host the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

The NEC, the ninth biggest exhibition centre in Europe, claims the support of Britain's business leaders. Acording to an NOP poll for the centre, 60 per cent of marketing directors from the *Times* Top 100 companies believe the NEC would be ideal.

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GREENWICH

☐ **Aim:** to provide historic backdrop to celebrations, regenerate the Thames as a working river and revive Docklands commercially.
☐ **Sales pitch:** traditional centre of world time.
☐ **Strengths:** historic setting with landmarks such as Royal Naval College, National Maritime Museum and *Cutty Sark*.
Weaknesses: site earmarked, formerly a gasworks (above), is not near historic centre. London has already received lion's share of lottery cash, with large grants to Royal Opera House and others.
☐ **What Greenwich says about NEC:** accused Birmingham of "dirty tricks" after media was told that gasworks site, polluted by toxins, was unlikely to be cleaned in time for 2000.
☐ **Who will run exhibition?** Favourite is M2000, a consortium including MAI, Bovis Construction, Stanhope and Harvey Goldsmith's Allied Entertainments.
☐ **Who is backing it?** Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, has championed the regeneration of Docklands but cannot make public his views because he is a member of the Millennium Commission.

BIRMINGHAM

☐ **Aim:** to create an exhibition centre of global importance, big enough to host the world's largest trade fairs.
☐ **Sales pitch:** the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) has a greenfield site and is more likely to be ready in time. The NEC has vast experience of hosting important shows.
☐ **Strengths:** situated at the heart of the country, more than 30 million people living less than two hours away.
☐ **Weaknesses:** Birmingham has yet to establish itself as an independent tourist attraction.
☐ **What the NEC says about Greenwich:** to be built on poisoned land. Terrible road, rail and air access. Nowhere to park coaches.
☐ **Who will run the exhibition at the NEC?** The favoured operator is Imagination plc, which describes itself as a "multi-disciplinary communications consultancy". Clients include Lego and Walt Disney.
☐ **Who is backing it?** Sir Norman Fowler, MP for Sutton Coldfield, and chairman of *The Birmingham Post*, and Sir Adrian Cadbury, a member of the Birmingham chocolate dynasty and a non-executive director of the NEC.

Mormons ejected for fighting good fight

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO Mormon missionaries have been moved on by their Church after their Bible-bashing got out of hand. When the men tried to convert Tom and Bernie Casey, who are both lay preachers at their local parish church, a heated religious debate turned into a scuffle.

Mrs Casey claims she was left with a split lip and suffered abusive language. The Mormon Church said last night that two missionaries, aged 20 and 19, had been moved from the area as a result.

Mrs Casey, of Clayton, near Preston, Lancashire, said: "It was quite a strong discussion with them getting their books out to try and prove their points. The duo became loud-mouthed and offensive when we refused to accept some of the tenets of their faith. We questioned some beliefs they hold and that is when the scuffle broke out."

A spokesman for the Mormon Church in Lancashire said: "These missionaries have not shown the high standards we demand of them. We apologise for what happened. Our missionaries, however, claim they only defended themselves."

Posters for alcoholic lemonade criticised

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A POSTER campaign for the alcoholic lemonade Hooper's Hooch was criticised by advertising watchdogs yesterday as likely to appeal to under-age drinkers.

Four members of the public and Nigel Griffiths, the Labour consumer affairs spokesman, had complained to the Advertising Standards Authority over the posters. One advertisement featured a grinning lemon character holding a bottle of Hooper's Hooch inside a warning triangle with the headline: "Warning, Extreme Refreshment Alc 4.7%." Others featured the headline: "Warning, One Taste And You're Hooched."

The makers of Hooch, Bass Brewers, had told the authority that the advertisements were designed for 18 to 35-year-olds and would not promote under-age drinking. But in upholding the complaints, the authority said it considered that "the lemon character was likely to appeal to people under 18 in a way that would encourage them to drink alcohol".

Mr Griffiths hailed the ruling and said that other drinks, such as Love Byte and Ravers, infringed advertising guidelines by appealing to children.

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And you could go to Michael Tippett's 1955 masterpiece, *The Midsummer Marriage*, conducted by David Syrus on January 27, and by Bernard Haitink on February 8.

A full list of participating theatres appeared in *The Times* on Saturday and Monday, as well as the first two tokens. Collect five tokens and telephone the booking office after Thursday, January 18, stating you are using *The Times* ticket token offer. Tickets will not be issued until the tokens are presented. At theatres marked with an * you can go to more than one show, buying one full price ticket and getting another for 30p.

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Blair must clear the fog surrounding his stakeholder economy

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Suddenly, all politicians are talking about the stakeholder economy. No matter that barely anyone but a few economists and think-tank researchers had even heard of the idea ten days ago. It is now the rage, at least in the political world, if hardly yet outside. John Major devoted a large part of Prime Minister's Questions yesterday to stakeholding. Tony Blair is making it the theme of his visit to marginal seats in the east Midlands tomorrow and Friday. And the Conservative Research Department has even put out a commemorative briefing note: *Stakeholding — One Week On*. What next, a television retrospective?

Mr Blair has at least succeeded in setting the agenda. But is stakeholding in danger of rebounding on Labour? Its strengths as a slogan of social inclusiveness, a "unifying theme" in Mr Blair's words, are the mirror image of its potential weaknesses, as a term which can be interpreted in several, less politically attractive, ways. What Mr Blair has in mind is a general commitment to a One Nation society, offering a chance, a stake in the country's future, to the long-term unemployed, to those leaving school without qualifications and to those on benefits.

The Tories have made two somewhat contradictory charges, that Mr Blair does not know what he meant and that Labour wants new powers for trade unions, pressure groups and local authorities: in short a return to the corporatism of the 1970s, a favourite Tory way of frightening voters about the bad old days.

A more sophisticated version from the Conservative Research Department claims that stakeholding means passing social costs on from government to companies, via backdoor taxes such as the minimum wage, the social chapter and the training levy. A contrast is offered between the Tories' belief in a property-owning democracy based on wider ownership of homes, shares and pensions and Labour's desire to give a bigger say to vested interests in the running and structure of companies.

Mr Blair has said he is not proposing legislation or tying companies up in red-tape, bureaucracy and regulation. Labour policymakers have privately been distancing the party from the views of Will Hutton, David Marquand and the like that stakeholding involves big changes in company law and in the statutory responsibilities of directors to shareholders.

But the concept's very generality creates an ambiguity. That is underlined by John Monks' article in *The Times* this morning. Mr Monks is the very model of a modern TUC official, intelligent, non-confrontational, interested in industrial success and raising productivity. Partnership comes more readily to his lips than picket. He is fully aware of the traps, emphasising that a stakeholder economy is not about a return to the 1970s. But he naturally believes that the unions should have a greater role and influence in representing employees and in working alongside business, not least to reduce insecurity at work. This would involve changes such as legal rights for unions to be recognised in negotiations if a majority of the workforce wants it.

Just as the Tories are wrong to claim that this means a reversal of the trade union laws of the 1980s and a return to the pre-1979 powers of the unions, so Labour cannot pretend that nothing will change. Under a Blair government, the unions would no longer have to stand in the street, as they have for the past 17 years. They would be inside the door, but probably sit around the table at the same time as business. The Tories will not get very far with scare stories about the union bogy: Arthur Scargill's departure in a political never-never land has done Mr Blair an enormous favour. Nevertheless, the Labour leader needs to provide greater clarification about what stakeholding means, and about what role the unions would have.

PETER RIDDELL

Cook hails radio finance decision as a Labour victory

Rifkind calms Tory fears over World Service cuts

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government moved to head off a backbench rebellion over cuts in the BBC World Service budget last night by announcing a new financing deal to minimise any potential damage to the service.

But while some Tory MPs toned down their criticism, Labour was joined by the former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath in declaring that the spending cuts would still harm the World Service and Britain's interests abroad.

The World Service, which is funded by the Foreign Office, faces planned cuts of £20 million in the financial year 1997-98. MPs on both sides of the Commons have said that despite expected efficiency savings, the cuts will force the BBC to drop at least one of its 42 foreign language services.

During a Labour-initated debate, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign secretary, said that the Government would allow any extra capital raised by the BBC for the World Service from private investors to go into programme-making. In effect, extra funds intended for capital projects could instead be used for the operating budget, which is facing the bulk of the cuts.

The Government, he said, had asked the BBC to find £22 million over three years under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) but it now appeared that there was scope for raising about £30 million. Much of this is expected to be raised by a PFI project to rebuild the BBC's main transmitter in the Middle East from and relocate it from Masirah island to the Omani mainland.

Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, later welcomed the move. "We regard this debate as a success," he said. "We have compelled the Government to avoid a financial crisis that would otherwise have faced the BBC World Service."

Earlier, Mr Cook told MPs that the cuts would damage Britain's international political leadership, diplomatic influence and trade. The World Service demonstrated the democratic values of truthful reporting, independent comment — the features on which an open society must be based.

"Because of that, the BBC World Service provides a beacon of freedom to those countries with regimes that suppress the truth and independent comment," he said. He protested that World Service executives were now having to decide where they must cut these services.

Mr Rifkind, however, insisted that the World Service could look forward to "the same glorious future as its current excellent position". He said that since 1979 it had enjoyed a 50 per cent growth in real terms, a £166 million capital programme and an expansion of its listening audience from 75 million to 133 million people. "I can give, without any difficulty at all, the assurance that this Government does not intend to do anything that would damage the BBC World Service."

Sir Edward Heath, however, said that the introduction of private finance threatened the BBC's reputation for independence. "Privatisation can go too far just as much as government ownership can go too far. I think the suspicion will grow in other places in the world that the BBC is no longer completely independent. That is a very great danger because what I've learnt is that the greatest possible advantage of the World Service is the trust it inspires everywhere."

Emma Nicholson, making her first Commons speech since defecting to the Liberal Democrats, attacked the "thoughtless and arbitrary" cuts. "I fear that where the dictators and oppressors have failed, our own Treasury book-keepers, aided by a weak-willed, blinkered, ostrich-minded Cabinet will succeed — weakening or eventually silencing a powerful voice for Britain."

Labour's motion calling for the BBC to maintain its present level of services was defeated by 19 votes.

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Major is warned of fisheries revolt

BY ALICE THOMSON

THE former whipless Tory rebels called on John Major to pull out of the Common Fisheries Policy yesterday or face further humiliation and revolts from the Euro-sceptics.

At a lunch for fishing industry leaders at the House of Commons, they made it clear that they would continue to vote against the Government to "save Britain's Fish." They were joined by Sir Richard Body, the maverick Tory MP who is at present considereing whether to take back the whip, and Bill Cash, one of the backbenchers who refused to vote with the Government when it was defeated over fishing policy last year.

They insist that Britain must have the issue debated at this year's inter-governmental conference or the fishing industry will collapse before the end of the century.

Tom Hay, chairman of the Fishermen's Association, said: "No one expects us to share North Sea oil or farmland yet Britain, which has the best fishing, has to give it all away. We are not a subjugated people. Parliament must act."

MPs back protest at factory closure

BY JILL SHERMAN

HUNDREDS of MPs have mounted a protest at the closure of a profitable factory in Cumbria with the loss of many jobs.

By yesterday 331 MPs, including more than 40 Tories, had signed a Labour early day motion calling for the British subsidiary of the American soup manufacturer Campbell to reopen its Homepride cooking sauce factory in Maryport.

The Labour MP Dale Campbell-Savours, who has campaigned for months against the factory's closure, said that it was a tale of "deception and unethical behaviour". The Homepride factory, which is in his Workington constituency, had been sold by Dalgety to Campbell for £58.6 million. The factory was "making a profit of £4 million" but within 11 weeks the company announced its closure.

Mr Campbell-Savours said the reason behind the move was that the company wanted the brand name and needed to destroy competitive production capacity.

The Tories who have signed the motion include MPs from both the Right and the Left of the party. Mr Campbell-Savours said there had only been 16 motions since the war that had gathered more signatures.

Labour seeks to 'protect' sports on ITV and BBC

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR demanded a change to the new Broadcasting Bill yesterday to ensure that major national sports events will be protected for viewing on ITV and the BBC.

Opposition peers said they would table amendments to ensure that events such as the Grand National and Wimbledon would remain the preserve of terrestrial television. They said that otherwise the chances of the BBC and independent terrestial channels surviving into the next century were "worryingly thin".

Labour has secured backing from crossbench peers, the Liberal Democrats and many backbench Tories. At the opening of the second reading debate in the Lords yesterday, even Lord Inglewood, the Heritage Minister, made it clear that he might look favourably on an amendment.

Labour wants a government promise to defend the present list of eight partially protected sporting events: the Olympics, the World Cup, Test matches, Wimbledon, the Derby, the FA Cup final and Scottish FA Cup final.

At the moment under a loophole in the 1990 Broadcasting Act, the eight are protected from pay-per-view TV but not satellite subscription channels such as Sky Sports. Labour wants this changed to make sure that events such as the Olympic Games in 2000 are not monopolised by satellite and unavailable for those who cannot afford the charges.

The satellite network BSkyB, partly owned by News International, which also owns *The Times*, last week made it clear that it was ready to offer more than £1 billion to secure the exclusive European rights for the Olympic Games between 2000 and 2008.

In yesterday's debate, Lord Donoughue, Labour's heritage spokesman, said: "The accessing of sport has been unwisely ignored in this Bill. We have recently seen dramatic developments in this area with satellite subscription channels buying up virtual monopoly rights to televise whole areas of British sport.

"The vast majority of the British people will not have accesss to most great sporting events where in the past they have had free access. The poor, the old, and the unemployed will certainly not be able to afford much subscription or pay-as-you-view television."

Blake: cricket needs television money

Restrictions face strong opposition

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

SPORTS bodies will oppose any parliamentary moves to restrict satellite television showing of domestic or international events.

Cricket, football and athletics are all enthusiastic supporters of the technological revolution, which has brought big increases in their revenue and the amount of television coverage. Their sponsors get greater exposure and more young people are able to watch more sport more often, gaining the inspiration to take part.

In 1994 there were only about 300 hours of cricket in England sereened on television, but this rose to more than 600 hours in 1995. Terry Blake, the marketing manager of the Test and County Cricket Board, said: "We have doubled the exposure and trebled our income from television.

"We have a major investment programme. We need to grab youngsters by getting development officers into schools. How are we going to fund this without the money from television?"

Last month, ITV and Sky signed a £130 million deal to show the FA Cup over the next four years. Trevor Phillips, commercial director of the Football Association, said: "Sky has been very good for football. For many years, the terrestrial channels operated a duopoly, depressing the prices of the rights. This cost us many millions of pounds. This new money has now been used for the benefit of the game, such as development of the grassroots and the rebuilding of stadiums."

Tony Ward of the British Athletic Federation, whose events are being shown on all three channels this year, said: "Unless there is more government money coming into sport, then many organisations will turn to satellite broadcasting."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister; Labour-initated debates on "the threat to the BBC World Service" and on "cuts in the training budget and the abandonment of the community action programme". In the Lords: Broadcasting Bill, second reading; call for action to end conflict in Chechenia.

TODAY in the Commons: backbench debates followed at 2.30pm by trade and industry questions and debates on Employer's Contributions Reimbursement Regulations; Housing Benefit; Supply of Information and Council Tax Benefit (Amendment) Regulations; Income Support (General) (Jobseeker's Allowance Consequential Amendments) Regulations; Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations; Social Security (Back to Work Bonus) Regulations. In the Lords: debates on education; co-operative action in social policy; business and the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill.

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US warning

India told nuclear test would bring cuts in aid

FROM TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON
AND CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN BOMBAY

AMERICA, detecting signs that India may be preparing to conduct a nuclear test, has warned Delhi that economic benefits from the United States will be frozen if any such explosion takes place.

The private message, delivered by officials including Frank Wisner, the American Ambassador, came after American intelligence reported that India may be moving closer to a test.

The prospect of economic exclusion appeared to make little difference last night when India announced that it would deploy the medium-range Prithvi missile, a weapon Western experts fear could be used to carry nuclear warheads against Pakistan. A proposed test firing of the surface-to-surface missile was postponed in the eastern state of Orissa yesterday, but was to be rescheduled.

In the first use of a little-known American statute, the Glenn Amendment, America emphasised to the Narasimha Rao Government its requirement to cut off all economic aid, military aid, credits, bank loans and export licences. The legislation applies to any country testing a nuclear weapon except the four other nuclear powers: Britain, France, Russia and China.

Most important for India, the law also dictates that the United States must oppose World Bank loans and other international means of lending to the offending country. The loss of such benefits would cost Delhi billions.

It borrows about $2 billion (£1.3 billion) a year from the World Bank and receives $173 million annually in economic aid from Washington. The curb on export licences means, in theory, India would be unable to buy even a computer from America. India, the third largest recipient of World Bank loans after China and Mexico, could easily face pariah status.

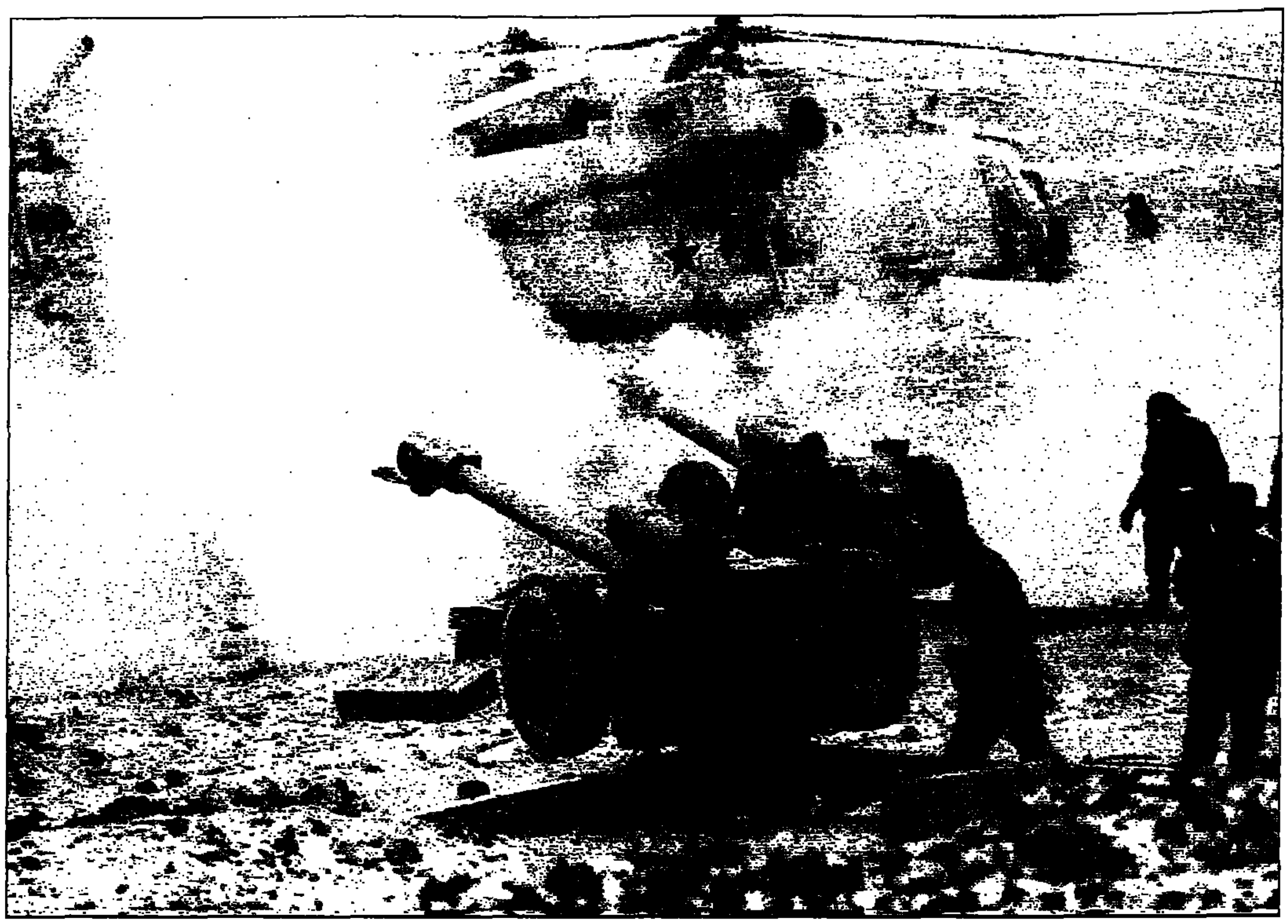
America, as the leading shareholder in the international organisation, has the greatest number of votes in the board's approval of foreign loans and would certainly be supported in its banishment of India by Japan and Germany, the bank's second and third leading shareholders, which oppose nuclear testing.

Last year, Mr Rao suspended a test launch of the Prithvi before visiting the United States, on the basis that it would have sent mixed signals to Washington. But he has been under pressure from the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party to take a more muscular approach before elections planned for April.

India has complained that American policy favours the nuclear powers and discriminates against others. Mr Rao has argued that the five should dismantle their nuclear arsenals before any worldwide test ban is agreed.

India denies that it is planning a nuclear test and says the United States misread satellite photographs of troop movements. The Government is adamant that it will not give up the nuclear option, primarily because of the perceived nuclear threat from Pakistan.

IN A further move towards closer integration with Nato's military planning, France is expected to announce today that it is prepared to discuss nuclear issues with other alliance members (Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, writes). Paris has announced that Charles Millon, the Defence Minister, will participate in formal Nato meetings for the first time in 30 years.



Russian soldiers fire their heavy artillery at the village of Pervomaiskoye during the second day of intense fighting against Chechen rebels

Battle of blood and propaganda

FROM CARLOTTA GALL OUTSIDE PERVOMAISKOYE, THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FIGHTING carried on into a second day over the village of Pervomaiskoye yesterday, although President Yeltsin had promised the Russian assault would be over by Monday night.

Field-guns rained shells on the houses, where about 200 fighters and about 100 hostages were said to be sheltering. With each charge the gunners, one of whom worked bare-chested in the bitter cold, turned away with their fingers in their ears. The attack looked more like a classical military assault than an operation to free hostages. The Russian authorities said that 29 of an estimated 116 hostages in the village had been freed and that 100 Chechen fighters had been killed. They put their own losses at six dead. Those figures could not be confirmed. The longer the fight continues, the more embarrassing it promises to be for President Yeltsin.

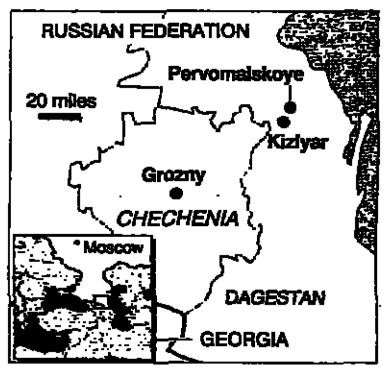
The commandos were hampered by thick cloud cover, which prevented helicopter gunships from flying so many raids on Monday. The rebels kept up their fierce resistance with heavy machineguns and mortars. Returning Russian soldiers said they had been fighting house to house inside the village.

"Their defences are extremely well organised," Major General Aleskandr Mikhailov, the Russian intelligence spokesman, said. "They have dug deep trenches that connect to the houses," he said, adding that there were many snipers.

Hostages who had somehow escaped from the maelstrom had spent the night caked in mud without heat in a concrete building in the nearby village of Sovetskoye. As they came out to a water pump in the yard, guards, who clearly had instructions not to let hostages speak to reporters, pushed journalists away.

While the fighting continued, the Russian and Chechen propaganda machines waged a battle to win the ear of the media. Independent information about events in Pervomaiskoye has been scarce because reporters have been prevented from getting close to the village. For the media, this has meant a difficult task sifting through a barrage of propaganda to find the truth.

Many reporters have been wary about official reports from Chechenia since the end of 1994, when Moscow denied for days it had anything to do with air raids on the rebel region. For their part, the Chechen separatists have a record of inflating casualty figures inflicted on the Russians and of exaggerating their own military gains.



The result is that more than 30 hours after the Russians began their assault, it was hard to shed light on what was going on in the village.

On Monday, Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said the attack started after the "Lone Wolf" group led by Salman Raduyev had killed a group of elders from the region of Dagestan who came to negotiate. The FSB said the rebels also killed six policemen they held hostage, hanging two of them, while President Yeltsin said the gunmen had received an order from separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev to start shooting their hostages.

Raduyev swore his fighters had killed nobody. By yesterday afternoon there was no confirmation about the massacre of the elders and a policeman hostage who was freed said none of his colleagues had been killed. Casualty figures given by both sides have differed greatly. Russia says it has killed a total of 250 Chechens with the loss of six servicemen, while Chechenia claims Russia has lost more than 100 and just eight of its own men.

First Lady ready to face her Congress accusers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY CLINTON said yesterday that she would consider giving evidence voluntarily to congressional investigators if that would end the controversy that has been swirling around her for the past two weeks.

Such an appearance by a First Lady would be unprecedented and as painful as "having your teeth drilled", Mrs Clinton said. "If that is the kind of co-operation that is needed to end this matter, I am more than willing to do whatever it takes," she added.

Were Mrs Clinton to press her offer it would put her Republican enemies on the spot. She is a brilliant public performer who would be very hard to pin down and if they questioned her too aggressively, they could face a public backlash.

Yesterday Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, summoned Carolyn Huber, a White House aide, in front of a grand jury to explain her mysterious discovery on January 4 of records detailing Mrs Clinton's legal work for Madison Guaranty, the bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair. Mr Starr had subpoenaed those records two years ago.

The Senate Whitewater committee meanwhile was aggressively questioning three past or present White House lawyers about a meeting on Whitewater they attended in November 1993.

One of the lawyers, William Kennedy, took notes which the committee obtained last month after threatening to take President Clinton to court. Republicans claimed an ambiguous line reading "Vacuum Rose law files" showed the White House sought to remove or destroy evidence of Mrs Clinton's connections with Madison, but Mr Kennedy vigorously contested that charge.

The Senate Whitewater committee has decided to continue its investigations beyond its February 29 deadline, meaning they will last well into the presidential election campaign.

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Afrikaners bicker as apartheid party seeks fresh image

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

AS THE Afrikaner community battles to find its feet in South Africa's new political order, signs of strain are evident. The weekend launch of a pressure group that intends to unite Afrikaners could not have been more inauspicious. The rally was marred by scuffles after a group of right-wingers tried to set fire to the country's flag.

Backed by the former police commissioner, Johan van der Merwe, the Foundation for Equality Before the Law was formed in response to the arrest and pending prosecution of Magnus Malan, a former Defence Minister, and other apartheid-era security chiefs. It aims to fight for the restoration of their language and culture. Of particular concern is the marginalising of Afrikaans.

There is also frustration at the former ruling National Party's inability to influence African Natonal Congress decisions and to protect Afrikaner interests. The nationalists are in disarray over how best to adapt. This was illustrated by the rumpus surrounding an Afrikaans Sunday newspaper report, which said that the party was about to dissolve.

Rapport disclosed a document that proposed disbanding the party, replacing it with a Christian Democratic Alliance that would seek others opposed to the ANC.

Hours after F. W. de Klerk, the National Party leader and Second Deputy President, lambasted the report, he confirmed the thrust of the document, saying his party was initiating a discussion on political realignment that could see the party name and flag disappear.

The party is in a tricky position. It is trying to maintain its Afrikaner support base while reaching out to black communities. "The National Party is trapped by its apartheid past and it carries too much political baggage to be a viable political force," said Professor David Welsh, of the University of Cape Town. "You must put yourself in a new position to do that. That means a black leader."

☐ **Secret files:** General Constand Viljoen, who commanded forces against Cuban and East German-led troops in Angola in the 1980s and now heads a right-wing party, has asked for secret files kept on him by East Germany's secret service. *(Reuter)*

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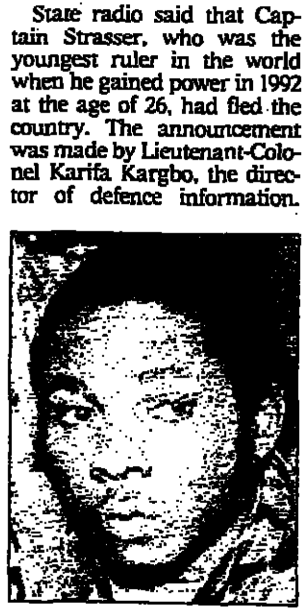
Election pledge by new leader after Sierra Leone coup

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE head of the military Government in Sierra Leone, Captain Valentine Strasser, has been overthrown in a coup a month before scheduled elections to return the country to democracy. Captain Julius Maada Bio, his deputy, who has assumed power, has promised to stick to the election timetable.

State radio said that Captain Strasser, who was the youngest ruler in the world when he gained power in 1992 at the age of 26, had fled the country. The announcement was made by Lieutenant-Colonel Karifa Kargbo, the director of defence information.



Strasser: accused of trying to keep power

The organisation accused Captain Strasser, the head of the National Provincial Ruling Council, of trying to force it to pass decrees allowing him to stay in power. However, aides close to Mr Bio, 33, said he opposed holding an election while the civil war was going on. Under election law, Captain Strasser, 30, was still too young to be a candidate.

Britain yesterday expressed hopes that the elections would be held on time. Sierra Leone, one of three West African Commonwealth countries under military government, was criticised at the Commonwealth summit last year for its lack of democracy, but there were hopes that the impending vote, after four years of military rule, would bring the country greater stability.

The country, one of the world's ten poorest, has been increasingly tormented since 1991 by an uprising in the rural areas, spearheaded by dissident troops who have returned from peacekeeping operations in Liberia.

Last year they launched a series of attacks on Western-owned mines in the south-east and held a number of Europeans and Britons hostage. An estimated 10,000 people have been killed in the fighting.

Study blames gay urge on big brother

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

HOMOSEXUALITY is more common among men who have older brothers, according to an American study. The reason may be biological or it may simply be that the treatment meted out to younger siblings in childhood influences their sexual orientation.

In a study of more than 600 middle-aged men, of whom half were gay, the rate of homosexuality rose with each additional older brother. In the sample, the rate of homosexuality among men who do not have older brothers fell to 45 per cent. For those who have one older brother it rose to 53 per cent, and 64 per cent for men who have two. Five of the seven men in the sample group who have four or more older brothers were homosexual. The older brothers need not be alive, but people with half-brothers were not included in the test.

The report, published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, was based on research by Ray Blanchard, the head of clinical sexology at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto. Mr Blanchard offered yesterday a biological explanation. "The foetus has no idea of its birth order," he said. "But the mother's body may be able to tell how many sons she has carried." He suggested that the mother's immune system somehow reacted in a way that altered the foetuses of later sons.

Mr Blanchard added that "there will no doubt be socio-biological theories that nature wants to cut down the competition for mates".

Colleagues at academic conferences had also suggested that the survey results may indicate an effect of the normal big brother-little brother relationships, or the way that parents subconsciously react to sons, or even of early sex games between children. "These kinds of explanations are really little more than people fishing around for an alternative to the biological reason," Mr Blanchard said.

Previous studies have claimed to prove that gay men tend to be older siblings, but Mr Blanchard's work is thought to be the first to concentrate solely on brothers.

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Bush and Major rejected chance to humiliate Iraq

By Michael Evans
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FORMAL surrender of Iraqi forces after the success of the United States-led coalition campaign in 1991 was ruled out by former President Bush and John Major because they agreed it would be wrong to humiliate the Iraqi people.

The political decision, taken after a telephone call between Mr Bush and Mr Major as the coalition ground forces overran all Iraqi opposition, led a few days later to the low-key ceasefire in a tent at Safwan Air Base in southern Iraq.

The "ad hoc" ceasefire, attended by two senior Iraqi generals but no representative from the Baath ruling party, has been strongly criticised by Baroness Thatcher and other political figures — five years after the Gulf War began — as one of the key elements that helped Saddam Hussein to survive as Iraq's President.

New York: Iraq was reported ready to discuss the Security Council's resolution allowing limited oil sales in exchange for humanitarian goods, non-aligned diplomats said. Iraq has been crippled by sanctions since it invaded Kuwait in 1990. *(Reuter)*

According to senior American diplomatic sources, Mr Bush, with the agreement of Mr Major, was opposed to the word "surrender" appearing in any formal ceremony because there was the expectation that the Iraqi people would rise up against their leader within a matter of months after the defeat. "They did not want to humiliate the very people whom they were counting on to remove Saddam from power after the Iraqi defeat," a source said.

It was also felt that Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states would not support the demand for a formal surrender.

In all the talks between Washington and London, before and during the campaign, nobody considered how a ceasefire ceremony should be held or who should attend it, so as to underline to the Arab world in particular that Saddam had been defeated.

Leading up to the air campaign on the night of January 16 and 17, 1991, four key officials from London travelled frequently to Washington to agree on the political objectives of the war. One of the key issues discussed there was whether the forces should march on to Baghdad. The team from London made clear the British Government was opposed to the idea.

Yesterday General Norman Schwarzkopf, the American commander of the coalition forces in the Gulf, said there was "never, ever" a plan to go to Baghdad. He was speaking on BBC Radio in response to Mr Bush's admission on US television that he "miscalculated" Saddam's staying power at the end of the war.

The lack of any contingency planning for a formal ceasefire ceremony was underlined when General Schwarzkopf was given just 48 hours to make the arrangements. Safwan was selected as the most convenient site and two Iraqi generals arrived at the tent to agree the ceasefire.

General Schwarzkopf said yesterday that arranging a formal and symbolic surrender might have helped to remove Saddam from power but the Arab mentality made such a thing very unlikely. "Unless we had had President Bush and John Major at that table, I do not think we ever would have got Saddam to sit at that table. It just would not have happened," he said.

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'Britons trained Saddam guards'

By Oliver August

FIVE retired SAS sergeants went to Iraq in 1978 to teach President Saddam Hussein's bodyguards how to protect him against sophisticated assassination attempts, according to a writer.

Martin Arostegui, who interviewed one of the SAS men, said that the British team showed Saddam's bodyguards how to eliminate would-be assassins in crowded streets without killing dozens of bystanders. They were trained in "killing villages" where dummy assassins are suddenly inflated along an assault course.

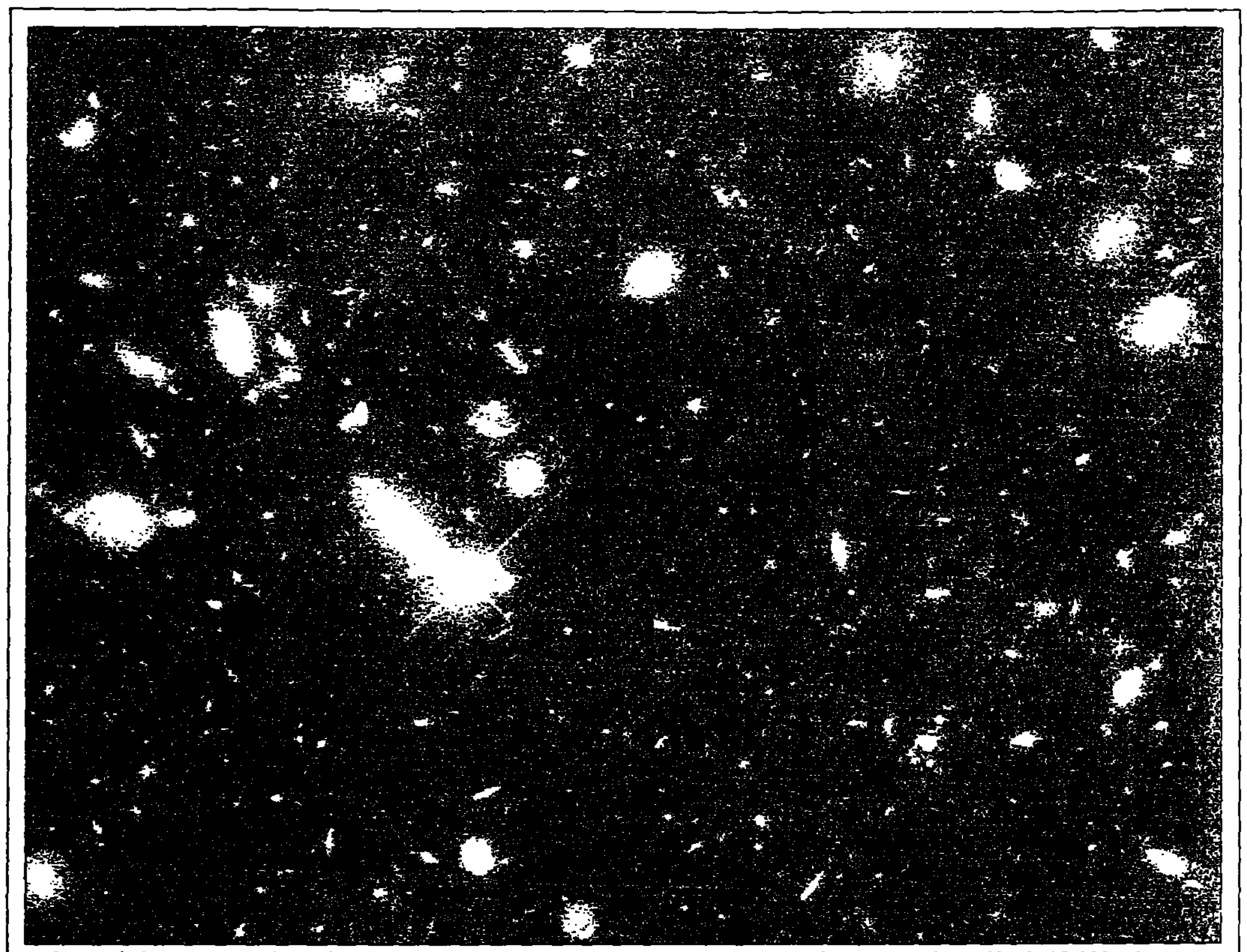
The difficulty in trying to capture Saddam during the Gulf War because of this training has been acknowledged by George Bush, the former American President.

In an interview to be shown on American television next week, Mr Bush said: "There we would be, downtown Baghdad. America occupying an Arab land, searching for this brutal dictator who had the best security in the world, involved in an urban guerrilla war."

On the SAS men's advice, Saddam redesigned the flow of traffic in Baghdad to improve his security. Streets along which he travelled regularly had central dividing walls removed to allow his car to make a U-turn in the event of an ambush.

Mr Arostegui, who is the author of *Twilight Warriors*, a history of special forces, said: "They needed to be schooled in the basics to effectively protect their man when he came out among his people."

American special forces in the Gulf also told Mr Arostegui that Abu Abbas, one of the world's most wanted terrorists, was part of Saddam's force in Kuwait and escaped capture by them at the end of the Gulf War. US Navy Seals were tipped off by the Kuwaiti resistance and tried to find Abu Abbas among the fleeing Iraqi Army, but failed to catch him.



Set at infinity: galaxies and stars four billion times dimmer than can be observed with the naked eye, are pictured by the Hubble telescope

Hubble discovers a galaxy of galaxies

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

HUNDREDS of galaxies, some dating back to the universe's infancy, have been detected by the Hubble space telescope.

Aimed at an empty piece of sky in the direction of the Plough and instructed to gather light continuously for ten days over Christmas, the telescope has revealed stars and galaxies four billion times dimmer than those that can be seen with the naked eye.

Besides the classical spiral and elliptical galaxies, a bewildering array of different shapes and colours have been seen. At least 1,500 galaxies at various stages of evolution appear in the pictures, astronomers from the Space Telescope Science Institute have told the American Astronomical Society meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

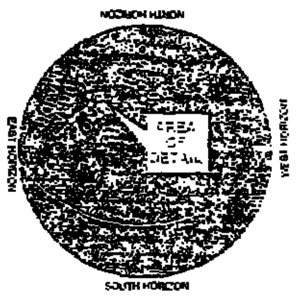
"We are clearly seeing some of the galaxies as they were more than ten billion years ago, in the process of formation," said Dr Robert Williams, director of the institute. "In archaeological terms it is equivalent to finding a royal city, but we don't have the dates yet. We don't know if we are seeing the most distant objects or not."

The target at which the telescope's deep field camera was pointed was very small — "about the size of a large grain of sand held at arm's length," said Dr Williams. To a ground-based telescope, the area is basically an empty piece of sky. In the ten days from December 18 to 28, astronomers took 342 frames, 276 of which have been processed into a single image of deep space.

Though the area photographed is small, it is believed to be representative of a typical distribution of galaxies in space because the universe, statistically, looks the same in all directions. Separate images were taken in blue, red and infra-red light and combined to produce a "true-colour" view.

From the colours of the galaxies in the image, astronomers should be able to infer the age, distance, and composition of the galaxies. Bluer objects either contain young stars or are closer, while redder objects contain older stars, or are further away.

The image was compared with a core sample of the Earth, which would contain many layers of material laid down over millions of years. In the Hubble image, stars and galaxies are seen ranging further and further into the universe and more and more distant in time. Some could be galaxies formed within a billion years of the Big Bang, but Dr Williams said it would take detailed analysis to be sure.



"It's like looking down a long tube and seeing all these galaxies along the line of sight," said Dr Mark Dickinson, a member of the team. "The past 10 days have been an unbelievable experience."

A key question the study may answer is how galaxies form. Astronomers do not understand how billions of stars in each galaxy come together to form a cluster.

Peking bars media from selling 'slanderous' economic reports

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

CHINA ruled yesterday that foreign news organisations' economic reporting must be regulated by the Communist Party's Xinhua news agency.

A Cabinet edict, citing national security, threatened punishment for news organisations with permission to sell economic information within China whose information "slanders" China or harms its national interests. It forbids Chinese customers from buying economic information from foreign organisations and allows Xinhua to determine subscription rates.

The crackdown triggered alarm bells in Hong Kong, whose economy is heavily dependent on the free flow of information.

The proclamation says the regulations are intended to "safeguard the nation's sovereignty, protect the legal rights and interests of domestic users of economic information and promote the healthy development of our country's economic information industry".

Xinhua is empowered to "manage" foreign news agencies which must register within three months. There are two reasons for the newest regulations on foreign media operating inside China, which are tightly monitored. The first is political. Peking has been anxious about foreign news penetrating China and from time to time jams electronic media or ejects particular journalists.

Overseas journalists must register with the Foreign Ministry, which assigns them their staff, including their maids, all of whom have security training. The journalists are forbidden to visit most other parts of China without official permission and if that is given, an official "minder" is usually assigned to the trip as well.

Equally political is the regime's dislike of news that conflicts with the official version which is usually "good", while the foreign output may be pessimistic or at least balanced. Foreign journalists often obtain information which conflicts with the orthodox stories and when that is published abroad it is frequently relayed back into China via the BBC and the Voice of America.

There is an economic reason as well for the ban: Chinese official sources sell news to domestic customers. These are increasingly more willing to obtain foreign information which in China is almost always believed to be more accurate.

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Woman spared fatal injection

From Tom Rhodes
IN WASHINGTON

BORN on her grandmother's kitchen table to parents who soon would abandon her to a childhood of sexual abuse and alcoholism, Guinevere Garcia was perhaps destined for an infamous end.

That was to have come today when the 37-year-old faced a lethal concoction of drugs at Statesville Correctional Centre near Joliet to become the first woman executed in Illinois since 1938 and only the second in America since capital punishment was restored in 1976.

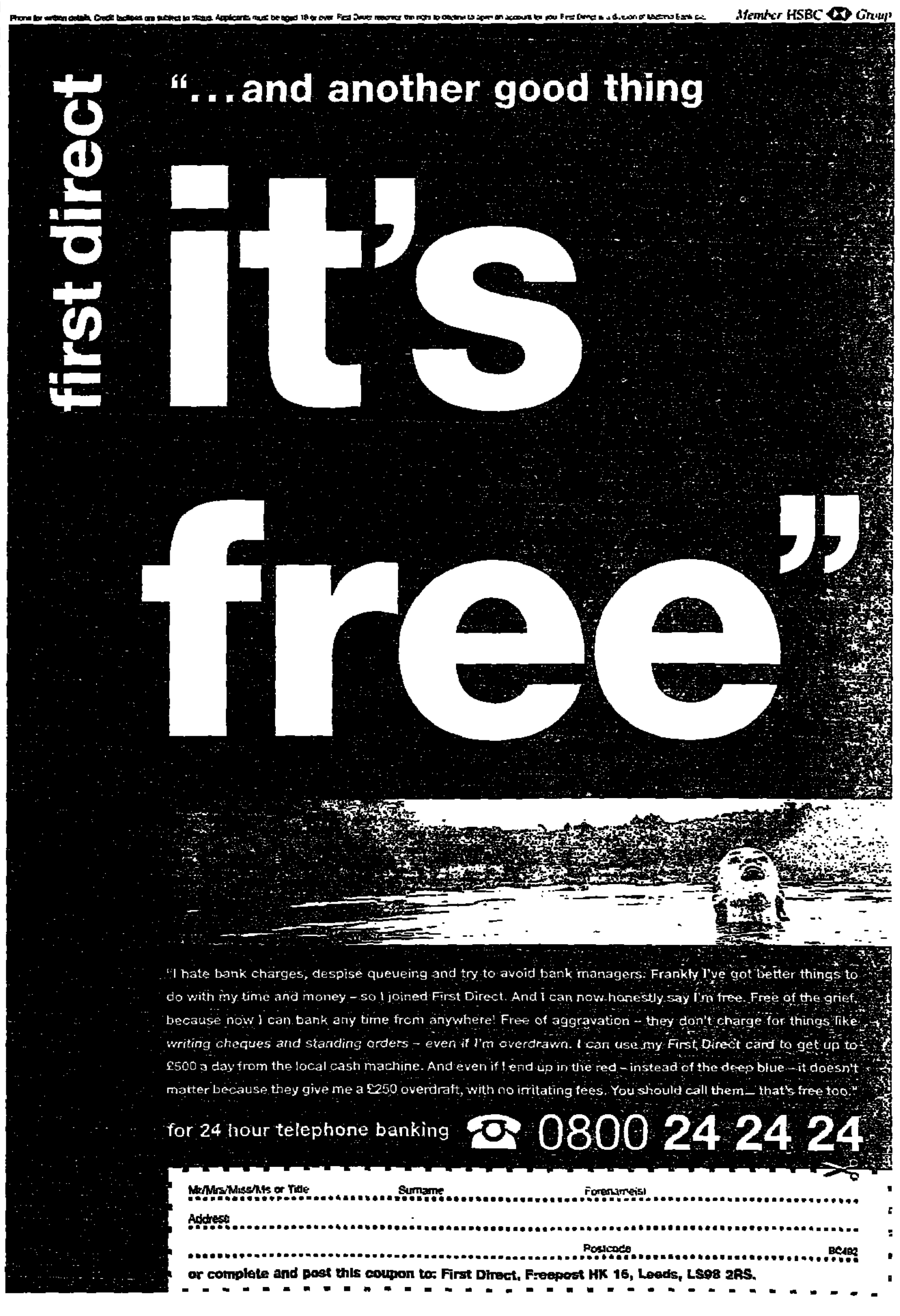
But Jim Edgar, the Governor of Illinois who has sent killers such as John Wayne Gacy to their deaths, took pity on Garcia yesterday after receiving hundreds of requests for clemency, including a high-profile demand from Bianca Jagger in her capacity as an Amnesty International official.

"The fact that Guinevere Garcia is a woman has not influenced my decision . . . She should never be free again," Mr Edgar said in a statement, "but I have concluded that the punishment decreed for her was not typical. Horrible as was her crime, it is an offence comparable to those that the judges and jurors have determined over and over again should not be punishable by death."

Garcia: wanted to be executed for killing

The decision will have left the prisoner furious as she sat on Death Row at Dwight Women's State Prison in Chicago yesterday. Garcia, a teenage mother and prostitute who shot dead her husband, George, in 1991, had pleaded to be killed by state authorities.

Her lawyer had contended that the shooting had taken place while Mr Garcia was beating his wife.



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President Weizman tells Germans he cannot forgive

From Roger Boyes
in Bonn

PRESIDENT WEIZMAN of Israel stunned Germany yesterday with a speech to parliament that set aside the usual diplomatic niceties and openly addressed the problems still dividing Germans and Jews.

Speaking in Hebrew to a special session of the two chambers of the German parliament, Mr Weizman said it was impossible for him to forgive Germany for the crimes committed by the Nazis. During his four-day visit to Germany, he said, he had heard "voices [of the six million victims of the Holocaust] crying to me from the earth".

"As President of the State of Israel, I can mourn for them and commemorate them, but I cannot forgive in their name," he told the deputies who included President Herzog and Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. Mr Weizman, who was a Royal Air Force pilot in the Second World War, said it was important that he speak in Hebrew to German deputies for Hebrew was "the language that was screamed in the gas chambers in the prayer Shema Israel".

The President tried to balance his criticism with a few optimistic remarks, emphasising that his use of Hebrew to a German audience was also "a symbol and proof of our rebirth".

However, the visit has been uncomfortable for the Germans from the outset. Plainly shocked by a visit to Sachsenhausen concentration camp, Mr Weizman said later that he could not see how 40,000 Jews were able to still live in Germany. The remark was explained away by Israeli diplomats as a reflection of the President's Zionism. "He was simply saying that the Jews have a natural home in Israel," one diplomat said.

The remark stunned the Germans, however, and Rita Süssmuth, the parliamentary Speaker, told the Israeli head of state: "You are visiting a different, a democratic, a European Germany that has learnt its lesson from hate and genocide, war and expulsion and is aware of its responsibility."

The same brittle tone has influenced the many German Jewish seminars that have been staged to coincide with the visit. At the Institute of German History at Tel Aviv University, Zohar Shavit, an Israeli historian, shocked her German colleagues with a scathing account of how German youth literature portrayed the Holocaust. In these books she said, Germans were often depicted as victims of the alien Nazis, Jews were romanticised or depersonalised and the Nazis often drawn in the manner of old anti-Semitic cartoons as small, dark and with hooked noses.

German historians at the seminar said that the analysis was biased and that most young Germans' views of the Holocaust were shaped by television and the cinema. The friction is evident at almost all levels. Israelis point to opinion polls indicating that 78 per cent of Germans have no interest in the Middle East. The Germans say that Israeli interest in their country is so limited that there is not even an Israeli state television correspondent in Germany.

The most enduring Israeli complaint is about far-right activity. Neo-Nazis have frequently desecrated Jewish cemeteries and have twice set fire to synagogues. Mr Weizman called on Germans yesterday to stamp out this kind of activity and said: "I urge you to recognise every stirring of racism and smash every stirring of neo-Nazism."

German officials said yesterday that the openness of the President's remarks was an indication of how normal relations had become between Germany and Israel.

> ‘As President of the State of Israel, I can mourn for [the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust] and commemorate them, but I cannot forgive in their name’

President Weizman of Israel applauds his audience in the German parliament after his speech in Hebrew yesterday

Coalition woes grow

Deepening crises put Kohl future in question

By Roger Boyes

ONE of Helmut Kohl's vanities is his ambition to outstrip the 14 years in power of Konrad Adenauer, Germany's first postwar Chancellor. The record should tumble in the autumn, but pundits are wondering whether Herr Kohl will make it.

When he was re-elected in 1994 it seemed certain he would go on and on, the marathon man of European politics. During the election campaign he had promised to retire before the 1998 elections, but the promise has not been repeated. Now it seems the pertinent question is not when Herr Kohl will decide to retire, but rather when he will be manoeuvred out of power.

More and more he is giving the impression of a man on the defensive; he has become a reactive politician rather than the great European visionary. That was the true significance of the tears he shed at the Requiem Mass for François Mitterrand. "The vision thing" had been supplied by the French leader.

Without his old friend, Herr Kohl emerges as just another pragmatist clinging on to an out-of-date programme and timetable until something better turns up. Significantly, that is a reading not from the opposition Social Democrats — who are still in awe of the Chancellor — but from the fringes of his Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, and his other coalition partner, the shrinking Free Democratic Party.

There are two salient aspects of the German scene. The first is that governments are not changed at general elections, but rather in midterm. There is always a so-called coalition crisis which is, in effect, a crisis of confidence. It comes swiftly and invariably leads to accusations of betrayal; governments in Germany are not changed in carnival spirit but rather with bitterness, gloom and anxiety. The signs are that the Kohl era is reaching just such a critical phase.

The second key element is Herr Kohl's growing political fatigue. His preferred strategy is known as *aussitzen* — a patient sitting-out of crises — and he broke with that pattern only in 1989-90 when, in a burst of diplomacy, he engineered the unification of Germany.

It was assumed, wrongly it seems, that the Chancellor would be able to exploit the same personal reserves in his campaign for a united, federal Europe. But the German leader is running out of steam. Opinion polls indicate a narrowing of his lead. Barely 5 per cent separates his Christian Democrats (with 41 per cent) from the Social Democrats (36 per cent). The Greens (13 per cent) could be a strong governing partner for the Social Democrats.

The Chancellor's allies, the Free Democrats, have barely 3 per cent, not enough to gain entry to parliament. But polls fluctuate and the Chancellor has fought his way back from worse: he is, above all, a brilliant winner of elections. The dilemma rather is the accumulation of crises that is sapping confidence in Herr Kohl and which may well torpedo his coalition this year.

There are three problems:

☐ The Free Democrats have lost their sense of direction and are falling apart. At least three Free Democrats have been holding secret talks with the Social Democrats about possibly crossing the floor. The Chancellor has a majority of only ten. Two of his Christian Democrats are seriously ill. He cannot afford this kind of haemorrhaging.

☐ The economy is slowing down. Unemployment will reach four million next month. That will play into the hands of the Social Democrats.

☐ Early implementation of European economic and monetary union is rejected almost across the political board. The latest, and perhaps the most potent, opponent of a 1998 start is Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister.

A reader studies photographs of former President Mitterrand's body, which were condemned as "immoral"

Mitterrand family unite to condemn doctor and deathbed photographs

From Ben Macintyre
in Paris

THE family of François Mitterrand filed a lawsuit against *Paris-Match* magazine yesterday for publishing "immoral and disrespectful" photographs of the former President on his deathbed. A second suit has been filed against one of his doctors for violating medical secrecy.

In a special "commemorative" issue that appeared yesterday, the weekly magazine also printed extracts from a forthcoming book by M Mitterrand's personal doctor claiming the Socialist leader lied about his health for more than a decade and became so ill from prostate cancer during the last year of his presidency that he was incapable of carrying out his official duties.

Paris-Match published two grainy photographs of M Mitterrand's body, dressed in a dark suit and tie with his hands folded, lying on a bed in the Paris apartment where he died on January 8 at the age of 79.

M Mitterrand's family immediately issued an angry statement alleging the photographs had been obtained improperly and threatening legal action against the magazine. The statement was signed by M Mitterrand's mistress, Anne Pingeot, and his illegitimate daughter Mazarine, as well as his widow Danielle and their two sons.

Gubler: "In 1981, I told President cancer had spread to his bones"

Paris-Match said that the photographs, taken by "one of the many people admitted to the funeral chamber", had been published on account of "their beauty, their strength and their weight". By way of pre-emptive self-defence, the magazine reproduced deathbed pictures of Marcel Proust and Victor Hugo alongside those of M Mitterrand.

In the same issue, *Paris-Match* published extracts from *The Big Secret*, a book by Claude Gubler, M Mitterrand's doctor from 1981 to 1994, in which he revealed that the former President had been diagnosed with prostate cancer six months after he was elected for his first seven-year term.

Dr Gubler also claimed that in the final months of his presidency, M Mitterrand "did not work any more, since nothing interested him except his illness". The allegations were dismissed by the former President's colleagues, who insisted M Mitterrand worked tirelessly until he left office last May.

Dr Gubler wrote: "In November 1981, I told the President that he had a cancer which had spread to his bones. 'I must impose state secrecy,' he told me. He imposed this on me for 14 years."

During his 1981 election campaign, M Mitterrand promised complete "transparency" on his state of health, in contrast to President Pompidou, who concealed his illness until the day he died. For a decade Dr Gubler issued bulletins on the President's health twice a year, which he knew were dishonest.

M Mitterrand's cancer was finally acknowledged in September 1992, but by November 1994 he was unfit to remain in office, according to Dr Gubler, who stopped treating him that year. Colleagues have condemned the doctor's assertions as a gross violation of medical ethics. "Medical secrecy is not lifted after a patient's death," said the National Order of Doctors, which may bring disciplinary proceedings.

Parisians discover it's chic to cycle

By Ben Macintyre

LAST month's crippling transport strikes brought much of France to a stop and raised the blood pressure of commuters across the country, but they also introduced thousands of Parisians to a new form of transport: the bicycle.

With no Metro trains, no buses and some of the largest traffic jams in French history, Parisians found themselves cycling to work in record numbers. Some 380,000 people commuted by pedal-power, compared with the usual 140,000, according to a survey out this week. Sales of not only bicycles, but tandems, unicycles and tricycles soared.

The report finds that one in every three Parisians is now prepared, even eager, to cycle to work on a regular basis.

Municipal authorities are investigating ways to capitalise on the bicycle craze to reduce chronic pollution and relieve traffic congestion. Plans include laying out cycle routes through Paris and providing larger bicycle racks.

A lobby group has been set up, The Movement in Defence of the Bicycle, to bring pressure to bear on Mayor Jean Tiberi to make Paris an even more bicycle-friendly city.

Before the strikes, cycling was regarded as an occupation fit only for messengers, the very healthy, the very brave or the slightly mad. Now it has become chic, a way of simultaneously demonstrating one's concern for the environment and working off lunch.

For a time during the strikes, the Place de la Bastille looked like Peking at rush-hour. The cyclists also have made few sartorial concessions. One is still more likely to see a cyclist clad in furs and high heels, than wearing Spandex or a crash helmet.

Hitch-hiking has also outlasted the industrial unrest, and many motorists have become accustomed to sharing their daily commute with strangers.

But not all the habits ingrained by the strikes are quite so beneficial. Nearly half a million extra cars poured into the city every day there was a strike and to escape the traffic jams some cyclists took to riding, at breakneck speed, on pavements.

Many still do, which means those who developed a parallel taste for walking to work are doing so at their peril.

WORLD SUMMARY

Russian minister resigns

Moscow: The new Communist-dominated Duma met for the first time in militant mood yesterday as Anatoli Chubais, the Russian government Minister responsible for privatisation, resigned (Thomas de Waal writes). He is the third pro-West member to have left President Yeltsin's Government in the past ten days.

His departure will please the Communist Party, the largest group in the Duma, with 157 of the 450 seats, which is opposed to privatisation. Mr Yeltsin and his Government were subjected to a barrage of criticism yesterday over the Pervomaiskoye hostage crisis. But the Communists suffered a setback when they failed at the first attempt to have their candidate voted in as Speaker.

UN to resettle Bosnia refugees

Geneva: Sadako Ogata, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, outlined plans for a phased and orderly repatriation of more than two million displaced Bosnians. The programme will start with the return or resettlement of about one million Bosnians displaced inside Bosnia-Herzegovina, then focus on an estimated 670,000 in neighbouring former Yugoslav republics. *(Reuter)*

Filipina maid row settled

Manila: The Philippines and Singapore restored full diplomatic ties to end a row over the hanging of a Filipina maid eight months ago (Abby Tan writes). President Ramos announced here the appointment of new ambassadors by each country, signalling the lifting of a Manila ban on sending domestics to work in Singapore.

Fini questions EMU criteria

Rome: Gianfranco Fini, the far-right leader whose National Alliance is the third biggest political party in Italy, has been quoted as saying that the tough criteria for joining the European Union's planned single currency must be renegotiated. *(Reuter)*

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Lobbyists face having to declare gifts to MEPs

From Charles Bremner in Strasbourg

MEMBERS of the European Parliament will find accepting consultants' fees and free trips a more delicate matter after a vote today that is expected to set new lobbying rules. But Euro-conservatives have balked at a move to make them declare their assets for public scrutiny.

Keen to dispel any suspicions of sleaze and burnish a dim public image, the Parliament is set today to adopt a plan drafted by Glyn Ford, Labour MEP for Greater Manchester East, to register lobbyists and require them to declare payments — in cash or kind — to MEPs.

The need for a Nolan-style system of "transparency" has become urgent with the rapid growth in the army of lobbyists roaming the corridors of Strasbourg and Brussels seeking to influence legislation on behalf of corporate and regional government interests. Many MEPs are assumed to supplement annual pay and expenses of more than £100,000 with directorships and consultancy fees. Accepting free foreign "fact-finding" trips is almost the norm.

Mr Ford said a new code of transparency was vital to avert "the danger of the Parliament becoming a kind of lobbyists' supermarket available to the highest bidder". However, many MEPs are unhappy about the suggested threshold of 1,000 ecus (£840).

The idea of public access to a register of members' property has met opposition from the European People's Party — the bloc that includes British Conservatives. Wilfried Martens, group president, said it could encourage kidnapping for ransom. Brendan Donnelly, Conservative MEP for Sussex South, called it an unacceptable intrusion.

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Greece to have new leader

From John Carr
in Athens

GREECE will have a new Prime Minister by the end of the week to replace the ailing Andreas Papandreou, who resigned late on Monday from his hospital bed.

The end of his 32-year political career was announced at the Athens headquarters of his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok). Whoever is picked to serve the rest of the 76-year-old former Premier's term, after a two-round election by the socialist party's 170 deputies, will have a tough act to follow.

Nobody could be more different in style from Mr Papandreou than the two front-runners for the succession. Costas Simitis, 59, the former Industry Minister, and Gerasimos Arsenis, 64, the Defence Minister, are careful with their words and emotionless in public. Both appear committed to Mr Papandreou's austerity economics.

Rome millennium party at risk

From John Phillips
in Rome

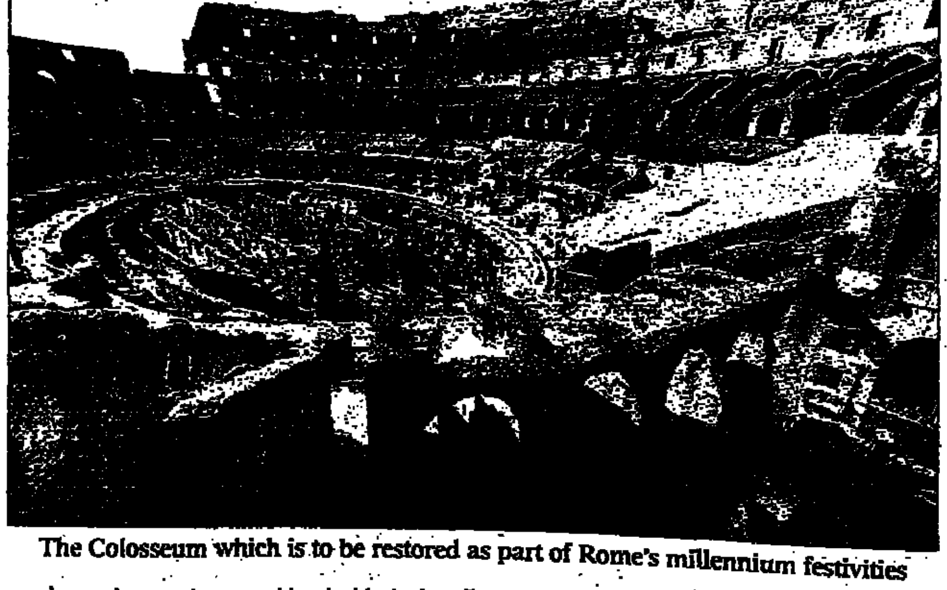
HUNDREDS of projects to restore the Colosseum and other Roman monuments in time for celebrations to mark the third millennium in 2000 are at risk because of Italy's political crisis, Francesco Rutelli, the Mayor of Rome, said yesterday.

Signor Rutelli and the Vatican have planned 611 improvements to the infrastructure, museums and churches of the Eternal City to prepare for the 30 million pilgrims expected to visit during the extraordinary Holy Year that has been declared by Pope John Paul II. These include building an underground line from the Colosseum to near St Peter's Square, constructing a motor underpass along the banks of the Tiber near the Castel Sant'Angelo next to the Vatican and moving thousands of inmates from the Regina Coeli prison, which is to become a huge cultural centre.

However the Mayor, an ecologist who leads the left-wing city council, appealed to Lamberto Dini, the caretaker Prime Minister, to issue urgently a decree that would enable the Treasury to allocate 3,000 billion lire (£1.2 billion) that was reserved for the infrastructure projects in the 1996 budget. Signor Rutelli is worried that since Signor Dini tendered his resignation for a second time last week, plunging the country into another political crisis, the funds may be blocked until a new government is formed, which may not be before March.

Luigi Zanda, chairman of the agency co-ordinating the extravaganza, said that only 115 of the projects are on course to be completed by 2000 while 352 have a "medium chance" of being realised in time for the influx of pilgrims and tourists. Some 109 are at risk of having to be shelved.

Nicola Scalzini, the under-secretary responsible for planning millennium celebrations, promised that a "decree law" would be passed to free the funds, but said that city authorities are dragging their feet on the detailed plans.



The Colosseum which is to be restored as part of Rome's millennium festivities

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'You called me darling!' said Charles, amazed

ELIZABETH AND CHARLES

It is terrible for any parent to be accused publicly of being a bad mother or father. Elizabeth had done her best in a difficult situation — to be a mother and a head of state, head of the Commonwealth and head of a household is a unique experience. She has had to put her job first, and the reason why she has been so successful at it is not only because she enjoys it, but also because she is a dedicated, self-contained personality.

Charles may have felt excluded from areas of his mother's life and subject to the rigorous standards expected of the heir to the Throne. But, except at boarding school, he had been surrounded by love from his nannies and his grandmother, not to mention his mother's courtiers such as Lady Susan Hussey and Martin Charteris, who were extremely fond of him.

The fact that there was a certain amount of truth in Charles's self-pitying account of his childhood in the Jonathan Dimbleby television documentary in 1994 did not excuse it. Elizabeth is good with small children but not with adults. She is not a hugger or a communicator on a personal level. Out of consideration for her adored husband in his difficult position as consort, she overcompensated by allowing him free rein in the upbringing of his son. But the fact that she is the Queen sets her apart from everyone, even her own children.

Charles was a victim of his royal birthright. He seems unwilling to accept, as his mother has, that there is a price to pay for privilege — and the greater the privilege, the higher the price.

Charles's siblings, Anne, Andrew and Edward, were outraged by the Dimbleby documentary and told him so. Outwardly, Elizabeth put a brave face upon it. No one seeing her on her first state visit to Moscow in October 1994 could have thought her less than delighted to be there. Only those who knew her well could diagnose how wounded she felt.

In the 1960s, when Anne and Charles were teenagers and Andrew and Edward were still young children, Elizabeth seemed to have found a satisfactory balance between the demands of her work and her children. Prince Charles went on record as saying that he thought of his family as "very special people".

TIM GRAHAM

Strained relations: Charles and the Queen at the Derby

"I've never wanted to get away from home," he said. "We happen to be a very close-knit family. I am happier at home with my family than anywhere else." Later, as his private life turned spectacularly and publicly sour, he blamed his mother's remoteness and his father's impatient strictness for the disaster.

The Prince protested too much, but it is a fair observation that, as one relation has said: "Elizabeth was noticeably more relaxed with her two young children, Andrew and Edward, than she was with him. This was especially true with Andrew, an uncomplicated, rumbustious child who was her favourite. She began to feel that she ought to do more about the children when Andrew was born."

Elizabeth loved Charles and he loved her. But he was in awe of her, and she was undemonstrative in her affection. One courtier remembered being in the room when Charles came to say good night to his mother as she was working on her papers. After he had kissed her good night, he was on his way out when Elizabeth said absent-mindedly: "Goodnight darling." Charles stopped in his tracks and turned round, saying in a surprised voice: "You called me darling!"

Philip, although perversely capable of great kindness, was by nature a bully and he bullied Charles, sometimes bringing tears to his eyes. Elizabeth never moved to protect her son, principally because she believed her husband to be right, and secondly because she believed that his masculinity gave him the right to have the principal say in his eldest son's upbringing.

In 1965, when he was 17, Charles was given a respite from Gordonstoun by being sent to school in Australia. In keeping with the ideas behind his education, he was not going there for his own pleasure but because Elizabeth felt that the heir to the Throne should begin to have some first-hand experience of the Commonwealth.

Charles was apprehensive about Australia and a new school environment, as from past experience he had every right to be. But he genuinely enjoyed his time there. He met friendliness and none of the hostility which he had encountered in his British public schools. He returned more confident to the dreaded Gordonstoun, this time driving there himself with his father sitting in the back, underlining his progress from boyhood to being an adult. He was made "guardian" of the school, a rather watered-down Gordonstoun version of head boy.

His success came as a surprise to his parents. Elizabeth had had doubts whether he would even make captain of his house, let alone head of the school.

Elizabeth's relationship with Anne was an exceptionally easy one, as her own relationship with her mother had been. Since she had been able to accommodate her husband's forceful personality, she had few problems with her daughter, who was in many ways almost his clone. There was none of the conflict that characterises many mother-daughter relationships. There was mutual admiration and respect for each other's abilities and shared interests.

Like her mother and, to a lesser extent, her father, Anne had a passion for horses. Charles later claimed that he often felt left out at home when his mother, father and sister discussed the finer points of equitation or breeding, and that they laughed at him when he made some elementary mistake in the subject. "Oh, Anne's so practical," Elizabeth would say delightedly when one of the dogs was hurt. "she always knows what to do."

They even owned the same dogs. Anne had a black labrador and a corgi — a male refugee from the royal pack, which was exclusively female. The relationship with her father was equally easy — in many ways Anne fulfilled the son's role to him, but without the underlying element of male competitiveness.

Elizabeth, her days and often also her evenings occupied with unavoidable routine, never took the initiative in inviting her children's confidences. Although she was their mother, she was still the Queen and that invisible aura of distance surrounded her. She could laugh, joke, mimic when she felt relaxed. But she was still self-contained and reserved, finding it impossible to discuss emotional issues. In the stiff-upper-lip tradition of her family, she regarded displays of emotion or complaints as weakness.

When a dog belonging to one of her private secretaries died, she wrote a four-page letter of condolence. But when one of her former private secretaries died, she could not bring herself to write to his widow, although the man had served her loyally for many years. It was not callousness but an inability to express, and an unwillingness to face up to, deep emotion.

Elizabeth's children (and other people) did not confide in her, partly because she was the Queen and partly because of a reluctance to break through her reserve. She herself would sometimes complain that her children "never talked to" her, seemingly not realising that perhaps the initiative could lie with her.

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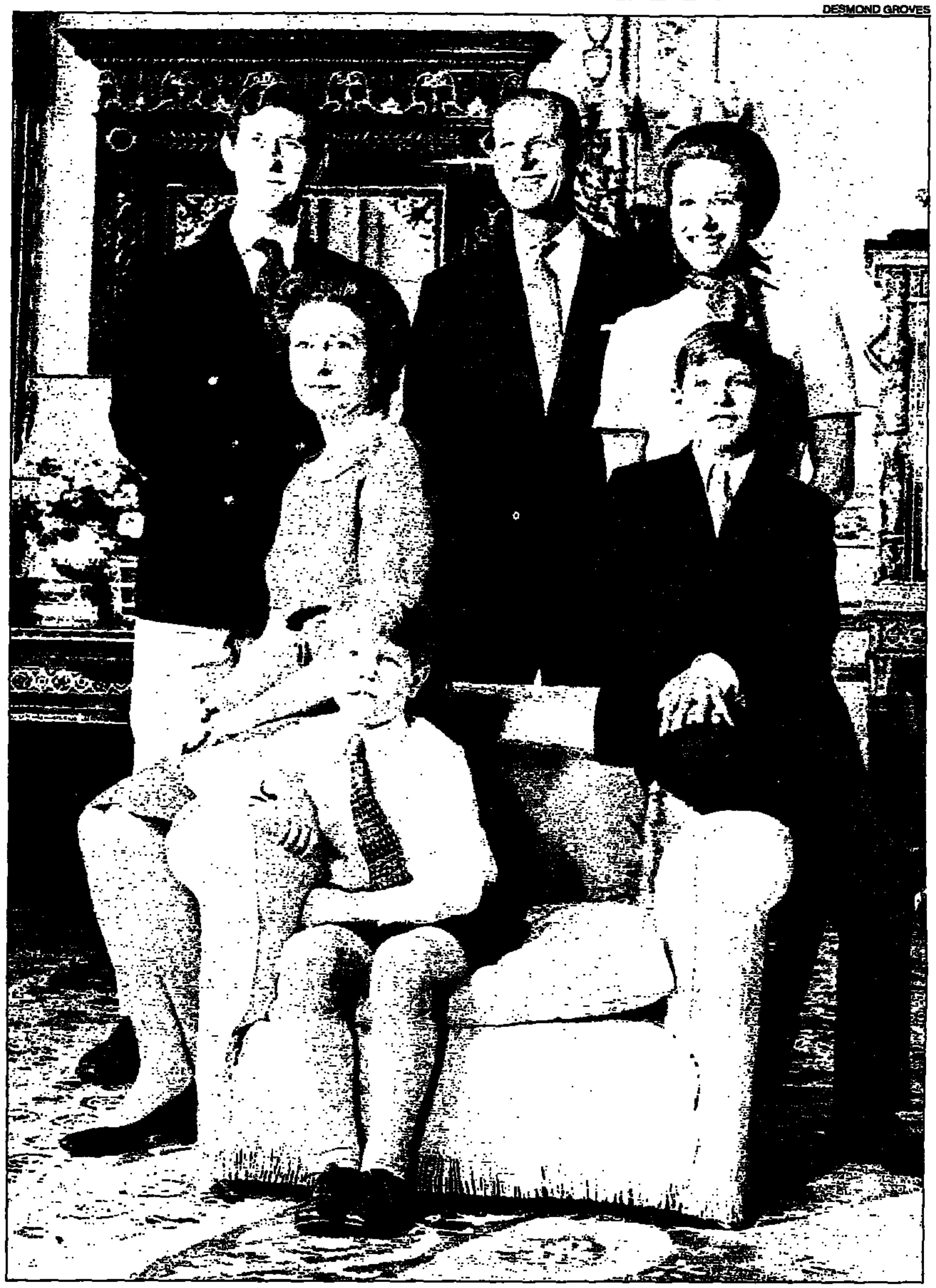
DESMOND GROVES



The camera never lies: in this family portrait, Charles's troubled expression is in marked contrast to Anne's relaxed smile

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Trouble upstairs, downstairs

RUNNING THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD

Michael Charles Gerrard Peat, aged 46, educated at Eton and Trinity College, Oxford, with an MBA from the top European business school INSEAD, and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, has a background in accountancy as a partner from 1972 to 1993 in KPMG Peat Marwick, the firm founded by his father.

He has been Director of Finance and Property Services (an entirely new Household title created specifically for him) since 1990, but began his scrutiny of the Royal Household in 1986, when he was called in by the new Lord Chamberlain, the 13th Earl of Airlie. Airlie was appointed to the top Palace job in 1984 after a City career principally in merchant banking.

Airlie, tall, slim and immaculate, is the grandson of the famous Mabell, Countess of Airlie, Queen Mary's lady-in-waiting and friend who acted as Cupid to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and whose memoirs, *Thatched with Gold*, pre-dated Crawfie and were not entirely approved of in court circles. His wife, Virginia, is lady-in-waiting to the Queen.

Airlie, through his "hands-on" approach to his job and his patronage of Peat, is far and away the most influential member of the Household. "Lord Maclean [the previous Lord Chamberlain]," one member of the staff said plaintively, "used to leave us alone."

Peat lives in Kensington Palace, in one half of an apartment formerly occupied by Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, on which £280,000 was spent refurbishing it into two flats for Household staff. He pays £25,000 a year towards the rent of this apartment, compared with £100,000-plus paid for similar-sized housing in the area. The total for the redecorating of this apartment and one for Peat's deputy next door was reputed to be £1 million. Michael Peat, it was announced in May 1995, had been paid a £13,000 bonus on top of his £116,000 salary (already high by Household standards). Royal officials have stated that his economies will make savings of more than £50 million by the end of the century in the running of the Household and in maintaining the palaces.

BOB GANNON

Michael Peat: Palace apartment and a bonus

Peat's earnings did not go down well with chambermaids in the Royal Household, whose wages had actually been reduced in his reforms. The domestic staff have resented the clerical employees getting higher wages than they do, and feel that performance-related pay is unfair and impossible in the circumstances of their own employment.

The official response is that change was long overdue and in any case is always unpopular. That is true, but one could question the wisdom of damaging an ethos built up over the years: the sense of being a community and of belonging to a family which royal service had engendered.

Elizabeth is a traditionalist; although she has agreed to the reforms, people question how much she is now aware of what is going on. Memorandums are not a substitute for personal contact and there is little consultation between the personnel services and senior staff when it comes to recruitment.

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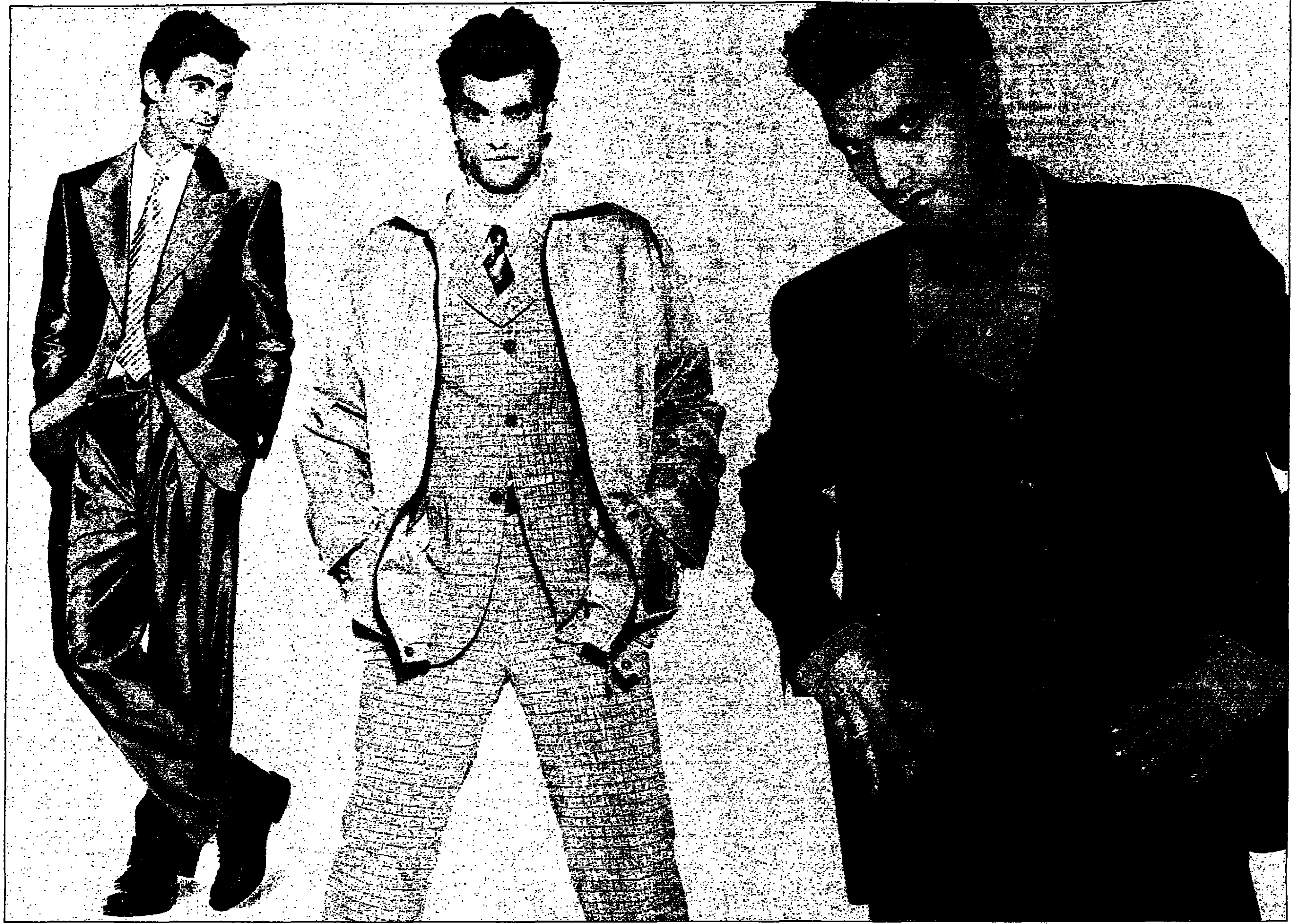

LEFT: Silver suit, £520; white shirt, £69; grey/cream stripe tie, £45, Boss. Black leather lace-up shoes, £155, Russell & Bromley, 24-25 New Bond Street, W1; selected branches nationwide.

CENTRE: Beige check suit, £501; beige shirt, £69; beige/red/blue tie, £40, Hugo; black nylon jacket, £250, Boss.

RIGHT: Black single-breasted jacket, high-buttoned waistcoat and trousers sold as suit, £651; black knitted polo shirt, £97; Boss.

Hugo Boss has moved away from its Wall Street image to suit the independent man of the 1990s

Fashion journalist of the year

IAIN R. WEBB

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When a designer or a label so succinctly sums up a moment, what happens when the rest of the world eventually moves on? This was the problem facing Hugo Boss, the German menswear company whose slick tailoring was *the* business for a zillion would-be Gordon Geckos in the 1980s.

"Together with Armani, Hugo Boss virtually cut the pattern of the late 1980s power suit," David Bradshaw, fashion director at *Arena* magazine, says. "At a time when wearing Hugo Boss was like driving a BMW and Wall Street was hip, its advertising campaign predicted that 'style would never go out of fashion'. This may be so but, after the Big Bang, Hugo Boss definitely did."

The company's image was stuck in a groove and had become seriously ungroovy.

In 1993 Dr Peter Littmann, the new president of the company, proudly unveiled the new masterplan, a relaunch which split the original label into three individual brands: Hugo, a younger fashion-conscious line; Baldessarini, featuring exclusive designs; and Boss, concentrating on more traditional business styles.

By expanding the range and repackaging the product into specific target groups the company could reach a wider clientele, while maintaining its prized original customer.

Identifying the need for a new look, the men in suits at Hugo Boss enlisted the help of big-name photographers Richard Avedon and Jurgen Teller, along with Fabien Baron, creative director of *Harper's Bazaar*. The resulting edgy advertising pictures, which were more concerned with creating the right mood than with showing much of the merchandise, struck the right note.

"The launch of the Hugo line and the excellent advertising campaign has given the company a new, younger face," Bradshaw says.

This weekend Hugo Boss marks its successful comeback by opening its first store in Britain in Regent Street, London, exclusively stocking the Boss line. The UK is the largest international market for Hugo Boss. In 1994 retail turnover in Britain was £15.5 million. In the first half of 1995 the UK sales rose by 21.6 per cent.

"At the moment Hugo and Boss are the most powerful brands of menswear clothing in the world," says Tom Logan, merchandise director at Liberty department store, which also stocks the lines. "They provide great clothes for the modern businessman, but also give something for men to wear at weekends, something more relaxed. It is a brand with a flexible attitude."

"We dress men to emphasise their individuality," says Werner Baldessarini, design director at Hugo Boss, and the namesake of one of the lines. "With our three brands we cover the spectrum of men's tastes and requirements."

Certainly the sheer diversity of merchandise ensures that a man can tailor the collections to his own needs. "The values of the 1980s have changed in the 1990s. Today's lifestyle is characterised by more restraint, greater emphasis on private lives and more individual independence," says Baldessarini. "All this is reflected in style and fashion."

And, of course, in the wardrobe of the Hugo Boss man.

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Our little houses of horrors

Christian Lacroix has published a guide which reveals much of modern interior design in all its true ghastliness, reports **Kate Muir**

The rich, famous and fashionable are curling with embarrassment over a wickedly acid guide to the excesses of modern design compiled by the couturier Christian Lacroix. *Styles d'aujourd'hui* lampoons the past 30 years of "interior magazines and their culture of narcissism".

It has been published in Paris, where it is virtually unavailable since dinner parties throughout the city are dedicated *to spotting Lacroix's victims, but most of* its caricatures could equally be found in London.

Many of them are horribly close to home — every home — like over-rosed "Colefax and Fowler" and "Happy Habitat" as well as the "Zen Minimalism".

In the "Happy Habitat" analysis, Sir Terence Conran is compared to an English aristocrat on the Grand Tour who pretends to a serious cultural interest while really being interested only in lounging in the sun.

And the "King of Couture" section (aimed at Karl Lagerfeld, of Chanel, perhaps?) shows a room draped, chandeliered and gilded. The authors note that "a sort of aristocracy of the rag trade" has developed, with fabulous elegance, trailing behind it top models and beautiful people, a society dedicated to the superfluous. "It is the world as a temporary showroom."

The British designers Colefax and Fowler *are taken to task for their* "irrational passion for Marie Antoinette" and the eventual, horrible abuses of the Colefax and Fowler look. "The result is chintz with a huge motif of roses for vicarages in Kent … nothing is more fragile than this mix of English country *house, and French good taste. tempered* by Italian tones." But eventually, the overuse of the patterns has resulted instead in "Germanic rigour".

Even the plain loft does not escape ridicule. Natural brick, industrial features and modern paintings have all become terribly middle-class.

Cruel dissection of other people's taste is a national pastime, particularly in Britain. In the 1950s and 1960s Osbert *Lancaster, of the Daily Express, invented* descriptions of houses such as "Stockbroker's Tudor", "Bypass Variegated" and "Wimbledon Transitional". Lacroix and his collaborator, Patrick Mauriès, say their book is in part a homage to Lancaster, and an updating of his work: "Certain old-style English people cherish his memory, but they will always be too few."

Now the British interior guru Stephen Bayley, who founded the Design Museum, is planning to write a similarly wicked British encyclopaedia, with provisional labels such as "Jewish Renaissance", "Early Horrible", "Neo Provence" and "Women's *Guardian*".

Bayley believes the subject to be of great cultural significance: "Ever since Prince *Albert installed tartan linoleum in Bal*moral, interior design has been a poorly revealing gauge of taste."

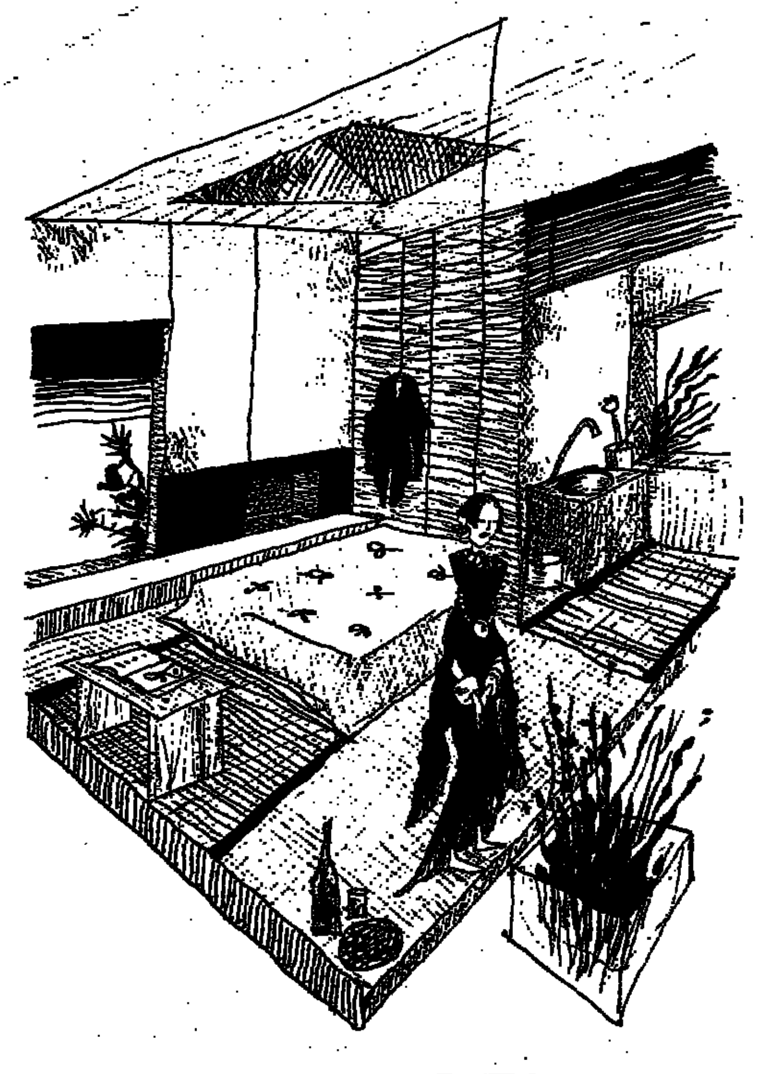
But he disagrees with the Lacroix-Mauriès theory that decorating is a *French subject. He claims interior design* was invented at the turn of the century by an American named Elsie de Wolfe. "She was the person who introduced new American money to old French furniture. When she saw the Parthenon she said: 'It's beige! *My* colour!' "

HAPPY HABITAT

SIR Terence Conran, that giant of international design, is compared to those English amateurs of the 18th century who took a Grand Tour under the pretext of culture, when they yearned only to flee the foggy shores of *Albion for the warmth of the southern sun. Habitat types are distinguished* "explorers" who use Peter Mayle's *Toujours Provence* as their guidebook to the art of living. These English Europhiles find harmony in the simple objects of ordinary life: old pastis pitchers, glazed earthenware crockery, tin coffee pots, rustic dressers and slip-covered armchairs. Functional simplicity, but nothing too ascetic, is the motto. They often flatter themselves about their little wine cellar, and gaily practise the art of oenology between Saint-Remy-de-Provence and Butler's Wharf. The kitchen is their true living room: cooking lovingly is their hobby. Quite at ease in their era, the *Happy* Habitaters hate extremes like total modernism or stale traditionalism.

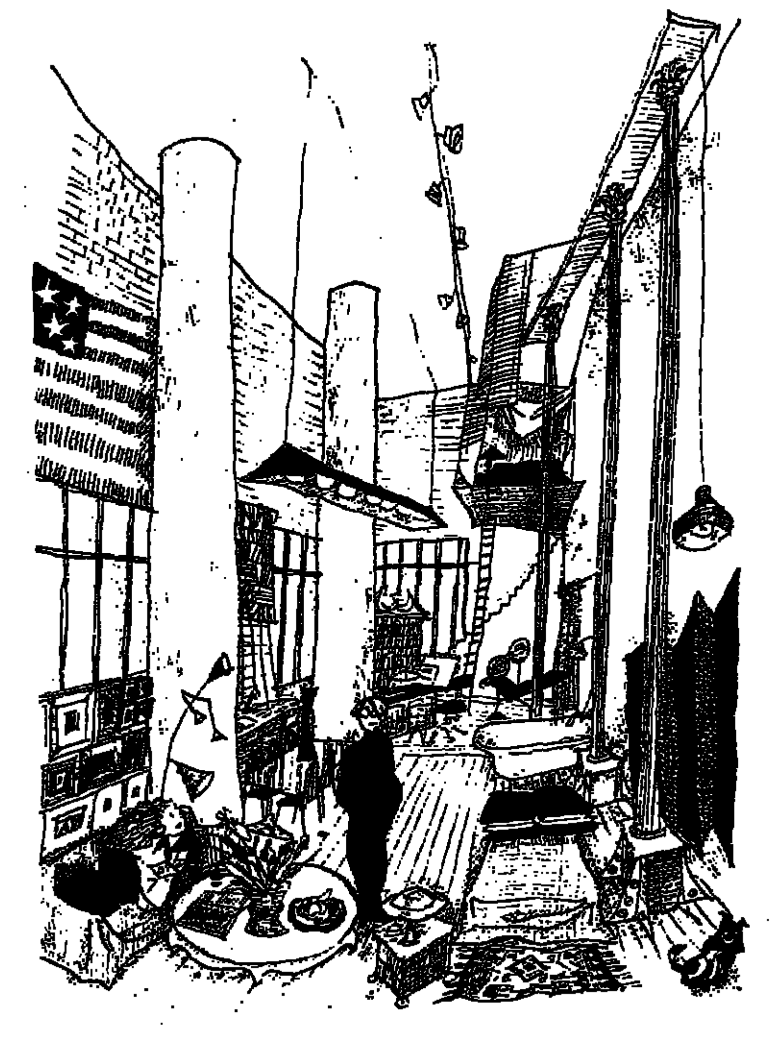
NEO-BAROQUE

THE Neo-Baroque style dates back to the mid-1930s, when the French millionaire Charles de Beistegui commissioned an octagonal apartment from the minimalist architect Corbusier, and then proceeded to fill it with *pompous candelabras, fancy crystal, Baroque Venetian furniture and* Napoleon III pouffes all intended to infuriate Corbusier. The resulting bizarre contradiction in terms became famous since it expressed the first wave of rejection of Modernism. This anti-Modernism had a resurgence everywhere 50 years later, pioneered by ordinary people who remained *against its ascetic style.* Neo-Baroque *signals the triumphal return of* ornament: grainy metals and black-painted wood are replaced by painted plaster and gilded bronzes. Louis XVII furniture has made a comeback, and magical or elemental symbols like moons are included. The only danger is that it can veer towards the vulgar Rococo Rock style.



ZEN MINIMALISM

MINIMALISM is to decoration what Zen is to philosophy. Searing and definitive, ethical beneath the aesthetic, it is the last word for those with consciences saturated by consumerism. Squares are used religiously for windows, doors and cupboards. There are moveable partitions, a light, a *tank of stone serving* as a bath — but no ornaments. Minimalists believe they will be redeemed by the futon, that they can meditate in the kitchen and create the metaphysical from the hygienic. This trend to bloodless Japanese style, trendy in the early 1980s, *has all the allure of a terminal illness.*



EIGHTIES LOFT

THE loft-dweller is torn in two — concerned with modernity, light, space and purity, and at the same time part of the past. Loft-dwellers value supporting columns, industrial architecture, *plain or white walls*, wooden floorboards, natural brick walls and huge windows. They have a horror of screens and partitions. In Soho, Wapping and Montparnasse, loft-dwellers cook in the living room and have bathrooms in their bedrooms. The loft is a perfect expression of the 1980s — an obvious demonstration of wealth by *sheer size.* But it is dangerously close to becoming the traditional apartment.

DECO DISCO

THIS was the start of decorating fashion paralleling clothes fashion. Deco Disco followers rediscovered Thirties style, encompassing everything from *Dietrich to theatrical make-up with red lips and dark eyes. Deco Disco* means ebony and white satin. Its proponents know the nuances of eggshell and off-white and are fond of tubular chrome. Geometric and vertical, Deco is not famed for its comfort. It does not tolerate mixing or eclecticism. You end up being bored by the endless bars finished in Deco style, right down to the mirrors and potted palms. True Art Deco has been gobbled up by Disco.

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Alan Coren

■ Where's your common sense? These are the building blocks of the imagination

Like, I hope, most of you, I have a soft spot for folk whose heart is in the right place but whose brain is in a box under the stairs. In consequence, I always think twice before attacking those who attempt to do the decent thing before thinking even once, since, God knows, few enough decent things are attempted these days, unthinkingly or not. More yet, when there is a risk of appearing to take a sledgehammer to a nut, I think three times. So I have done all that thinking, but I still find I have no other course, this morning, than to spit on my hands and start swinging.

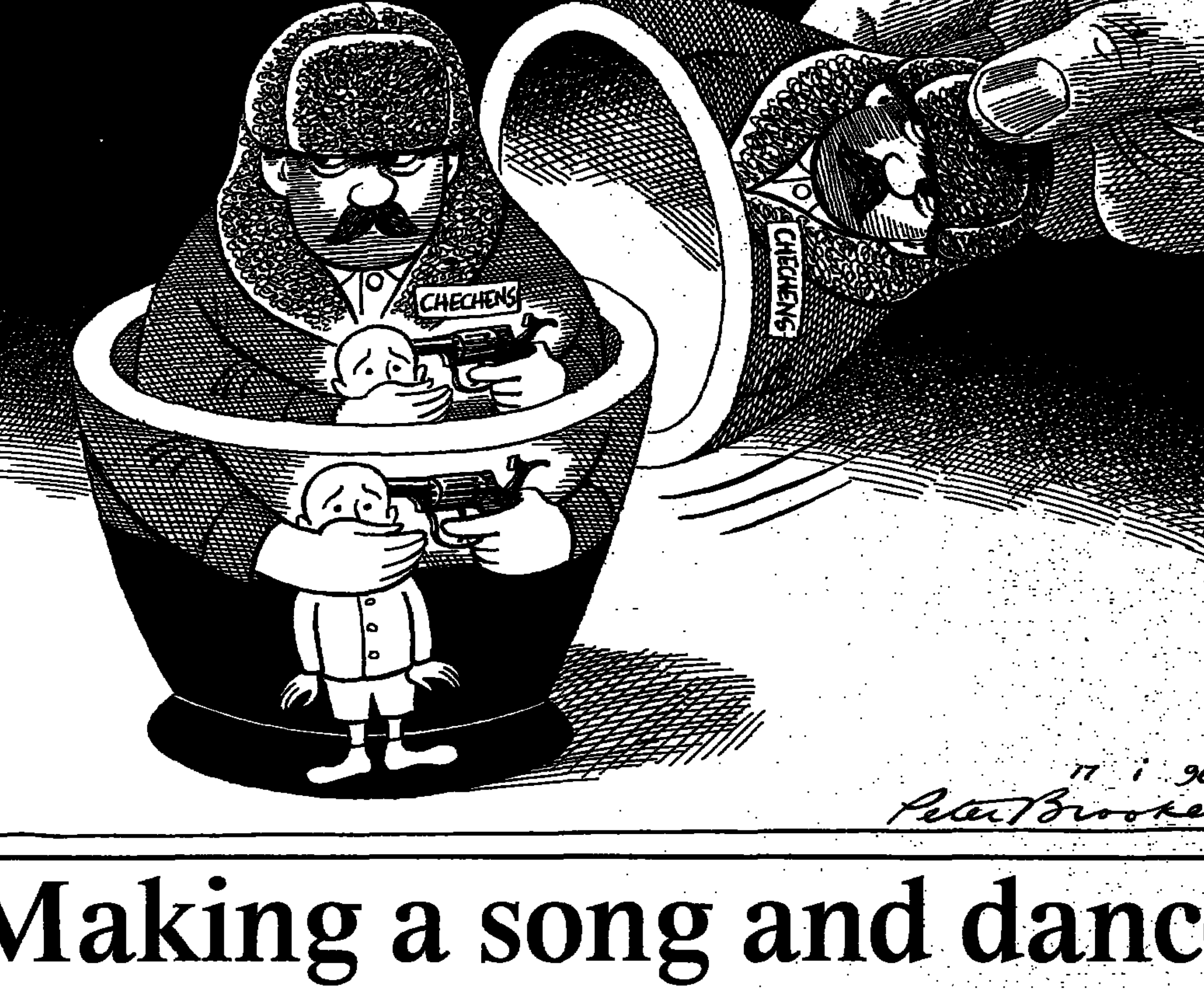
For the nut in question has the responsibility of working for Gloucestershire County Council as a social services inspector, in which capacity she recently found herself peering into a toy-chest in Holy Jesus Church in the village of Lydbrook, and not liking what she saw. Or, rather, not liking what she didn't see. For the chest was the home of the Lego bricks played with by the toddlers who attend the Rev Michael Foster's infants' club, but while it thus contained lots of bits of little Lego men, it did not contain any bits at all of little black Lego men.

This shook the inspector to her core, for it is a decent core, pledged, as Gloucestershire County Council subsequently declared, to "an equal opportunities policy designed to reflect a multi-cultural society". In the light of which, it has now insisted that Mr Foster go out and buy little black Lego men, "so that the children will have an appreciation of other cultures, races and religions".

He will have his work cut out. For had the GCC inspector taken her brain out of its box for long enough to make the simple phone call to Lego which mine has just done, she would have discovered that Lego do not manufacture little black men. Nor do they manufacture little Bengali men, or little Moroccan men, or little Filipino men, or little Jewish men, or little Seventh Day Adventist men, which multi-culturalism would surely require them to do they, once they had made little black men. Indeed, as the Lego spokesman observed, with a grasp of racial complexity that the GCC would do well to ponder, how could they make a little black man at all, when there were so many different types of little black men? What, in short, was a black man? Just how stereotypical did Gloucester want them to risk appearing?

So that was the one thing. But the other thing would be no less of a headache for the vicar, were he to seek to mollify the GCC by, say, painting some of his little white men black. The other thing — known to all parents, if not to social services inspectors — is that Lego is surreal: Despite a corporate policy committed to launching new kits on the toddler market every few minutes, there is a Legonian Law which states that whatever a parent thinks he has bought — a crane, a plane, a bungalow, a horse — that is the last thing his child is going to build with what he finds in the box. He is going to stick the bricks together to make something else, and the something else, cobbled as it is from the surreal imagination of a child, will be incomprehensible to the parent, until the child tells him. The child — usually after mixing the new kit in with all his other bits — will produce a multi-coloured thing two feet high, with assorted wheels on the bottom, sporadic windows all over it, and three heads on the top; whereupon the parent will say "What is that?" and the child will proudly reply "A space-ship" or "A dinosaur". The parent will then go off to answer the doorbell, so that the child next door can come in with a similar Lego thing, and both Lego things will thereafter engage in noisy combat, until each is reduced once more to its component bricks. Adding a few token bits of little black men to this process would make no difference whatever, never mind nurturing, what was it, an appreciation of other cultures, races and religions.

For Lego is not about the real world, nor about encouraging a toddler's understanding of it. It is about encouraging his imagination, when that sublime property is at its most potent. It quickly fades. Indeed, I have heard that in Gloucester there are people with their hearts in the right place, their brains in a box under the stairs, but no imagination at all.



Making a song and dance

Covent Garden's astonishing art may be inseparable from the prima donna managers and the ramshackle premises

Simon Jenkins

Opera bores used to tell anecdotes of torn gowns, missed cues and garlic breath. Not any more. They can now gorge themselves on the Night of the Sobbing Soprano, the Dance of the Sugar Plum Ballet Board and the Great Box-Office Sacking. They can delight in the *Katya Kabanova* overspend, the hair-spraying of Trevor Nunn's horse or the colour of Jeremy Isaacs's underpants. The BBC's investigation of its sister castle of culture, Covent Garden, began last night and continues for five more 50-minute programmes. I have watched them all. They are the best documentaries I have seen.

Flies are not just on every wall but in every dressing-room, workshop, clinic and loo. The series is constructed like a Saki anthology, mini-dramas in which bizarre decisions lead to even more bizarre outcomes. The designer of *Sleeping Beauty* runs £130,000 over budget and has every seamstress in London working up 400 new dresses on overtime. Nowhere else in Britain could anything like this happen. Will anyone tell the designer to stop? Never. This is Covent Garden and "if you push her, she'll burst into tears". Artists are at work, from the lowliest backdrop painter to the director of finance himself.

What drove Covent Garden to this act of self-exposure is a mystery. From his public comments it even mystifies the general director, Jeremy Isaacs, the star of the show. Never can an organisation and its boss have laid themselves so bare. Perhaps Covent Garden felt it owed the taxpayer a debt of openness. If so, the debt is honoured and with credit. We can see the warts — and the glories — of a public institution vividly displayed. No turn is left unstoned. This is a management video with class.

The warts have been much publicised, and Covent Garden's £19 million subsidy has been questioned accordingly. The comment by the personnel director, Mike Morris, that his industrial relations are "as if Thatcher had never happened" cannot help the opera's plea of poverty. Nor can the three-day-week scene-shifter who dismisses £27,000 as a "slave labour" salary. Backstage at Covent Garden is like Fleet Street in the bad old days, a morass of special payments, irrelevant agreements and rampant moonlighting (some now being curtailed).

The Royal Opera House constitution emerges from all this as a form of exquisite torture. At the top is a non-executive board of great and good in promiscuous liaison with the Arts Council. As losses pile up they are filmed tossing phrases such as "outrageous", "appalling" and "I am furious" across the table at Isaacs and his team. The latter look like shamefaced footmen summoned upstairs for purloining the port.

The next tier down is the management, all dreadfully overworked. They use words like "sod" and "shit" and struggle each night to keep the show on the road. Over the year of filming, Isaacs gets ever wilder. He frequently strips to the waist and seems about to imitate Violet Elizabeth Bott, threatening to "thcream and thcream until I'm thick" unless given more cash.

Beneath this tier ranges a vast and colourful cast. There are the Indulged Ones, the superstars of grand opera, the directors, designers, conductors, prima donnas, demanding ever more extravagant sets and costumes, imposing crippling costs on the organisation. Because they see above them a hierarchy of rich board and even richer taxpayers, they show no sense of financial discipline. They just want "the best". The same spirit infuses the technical staff, their antics familiar to all who knew industrial relations in an age which, the bemused board wails, "we thought we'd left behind".

Less attention is given to the heroes of the piece, the artists, singers, dancers and musicians. We glimpse them almost as shadows, in the background or from the flies, as they descend into the maelstrom to practise their art and receive their disembodied applause. They seem in perpetual agony. We watch Denyce Graves break down in tears as her throat gives out. Dancing on points looks as painful as Chinese foot-binding. Darcey Bussell turns her ankle and a male principal has his foot cut open. A camera is everywhere, yet its gaze cannot quite capture the sense of spectacle, the object of the struggle. We are left admiring it through a keyhole, watching the commitment and insecurity of young people working at the limits of their skill. For all her overspend, Maria Bjornson's Mannerist set for *Sleeping Beauty* is sensational.

Which raises the old conundrum: an opera house may generate executive pain, but it also generates great art. Covent Garden is poor yet extravagant, anguished yet brilliant, chaotic yet a survivor. Over the years it has exhilarated me more than any other building in London. It is not just a place of talent but a talented place. The *genius* is indeed *loci*. Can it really be that this quality has nothing to do with its scruffy context? The cheapest art, says Isaacs, is no art at all. He does not examine the converse, whether the best art need be the most expensive.

Genius requires a dose of arrogance in its custodians. Covent Garden has this arrogance — Isaacs is shown berating an uppity taxi driver who queries his subsidy — but it is crucially tempered by pain. As the anecdotes unfold, I sensed a silken thread running from the royal box out across the gilded auditorium to the grim backstage, down through the warren of corridors and cubbyholes, past the effing and blinding managers to encircle even the cussed unions. The House is of a piece, united in sustaining the two most sublime arts in the world, song and dance. Covent Garden does both better than anywhere remotely comparable.

Why spoil it? Surely the shouting, the long faces, the hate mail, the pleading with the Arts Council, the cringeing to sponsors are echoes of what we see on stage, of the tenor's fear of laryngitis or the ballerina's sprained foot. This is not a simple, let alone a commercial, operation. Its product is born not just of talent but of temperament. The board may mutter and throw down its pencils, the managers may smash phones, the workers may "refer back to the branch committee". As one knife plunges into the career of the box-office manager, so another plunges into Carmen on stage, to the same music. As the stage crew "go into dispute", the *Aida* chorus sings of wars past and to come. The web is seamless.

Covent Garden is to be rebuilt. Anyone can see that the conditions in which opera and ballet are produced in London are primitive. The place is not so much a Dickensian factory as a satanic mill. The response is to sweep it all away, including the absurdities and indisciplines, the overstaffing, indulgences and featherbedding. With a slate wiped clean by two years of closure, it is hoped that a fresh start can be made. The new Covent Garden is to be a wonderland of technology. There can be multiple electronic access and better value for the taxpayer's money. Reason cannot quarrel with that, nor can I.

But opera, thank God, is not a hall of reason. I sense that Covent Garden has bared its soul as a gesture of enraged and frustrated exhibitionism. It has hurled its reputation on the pyre. It is about to leave Floral Street as a blackened ruin and go for two years into the wilderness, touring and scavenging. The institution will probably be strengthened by the experience. The public will back it grudgingly, as the public backs all high art grudgingly. By making itself so vulnerable and endearingly human, I think Covent Garden has helped itself in this respect.

What shall we see when it returns? Terrible things happen to art in comfortable surroundings. Smart buildings cast a jinx on performing art — ask New York's Lincoln Center or the Barbican or Paris's benighted Bastille Opera. Nor are novels any better for being written in gleaming palaces or films for having $50 million budgets. The real challenge to Covent Garden is not to survive the next two years, to become more efficient or budget-conscious. The challenge is to its art. The message of this series is that art and context are intermingled. The best opera venue in the world will survive closure. Tougher by far will be to survive reopening.

The TUC's stake in Mr Blair

Employees need new rights, says

John Monks

For once the Conservatives felt they were on the front foot last week. When the Prime Minister and his deputy condemned Tony Blair's vision of a "stakeholder economy", they hoped to reach familiar ground. Stakeholding is about unions, they said. It will help them to rebuild their position.

But a stakeholder economy is not about a return to the 1970s. Nor does it give Tory strategists an excuse to rerun their anti-union arguments of the 1980s.

First, opinions on how to restore Britain's competitiveness are changing decisively, as are trade unions.

Secondly, and more significantly, Tony Blair's idea has the radical potential to change the way we construct relations in the modern company and to change the role of unions.

We in the unions regard ourselves as stakeholders in the common enterprise of making this country more competitive, community-minded and caring. This country needs more influential unions to work with employers in a new national drive for competitiveness; to be partners in innovation and training, and in providing opportunities to work for all. We can be partners in stamping out short-term selfishness and incompetence among the worst employers, who are letting the country down.

Britain has been bedevilled by class distinctions at work, expressed in "them and us" terms and in industrial conflict. It is not only workers who think like this. The recent excesses in many boardrooms have shown vividly that some directors still act in their own personal interests. One result is social inequality and division. Another is a financial system that rewards short-term dividend growth and deters long-term investment in capital, training and innovation.

The dismantling of protection for people at work over the past decade and a half has encouraged many employers to treat their workers as factors of production, rather than as their most important resource. Job insecurity, diminishing rewards and increasing pressure are now felt keenly by employees, irrespective of their occupation or grade.

The consequences are stark. In the past year, Britain has slipped from fourteenth to eighteenth in the world competitiveness league. But a rising tide of opinion now recognises that the future lies in a high-skill, high-investment economy, with employers and employees working together to deal with change and improve competitiveness. Indeed, 44 of the 50 largest companies in Britain recognise trade unions.

Public opinion is now consistently behind the involvement of unions in the workplace; one of our regular surveys now shows that nine out of ten people believe that unions are essential to protect people's interests at work, and a large majority think the balance of power at work has tipped too far in favour of employers. They are saying the problem is no longer the over-mighty union, but the over-mighty boss.

A strong sense of insecurity at work has contributed to this new support, but improved services to members and skilful changes in the way unions campaign to win wider support have also played their part.

Nevertheless, although unions have a major interest in economic success, Tony Blair's stakeholder philosophy reminds us that the basic stakeholder is the individual. Every individual employee has a stake in the success of his or her company, and in the prosperity and opportunities this should bring.

Independent unions are the means for individuals to exercise their voices or to realise their stakes collectively, and thus more effectively. That is good for both employers and employees. Employers need the collective commitment of their staff. And employees need to join together, as the relationship between employer and the individual employee is inevitably unequal.

In the past, some have praised the collective and forgotten that its original purpose was to advance the interests of individuals. Now the stakeholder concept corrects this mistake. It reminds us of the proper role for unions and reinforces the legitimacy of representing union members.

The TUC established a task group on stakeholding immediately after its Congress last year. This approach is a natural extension of the social partnership that we have advocated for both the country and individual firms.

Our proposals for new rights to representation at work also rest on the stakeholder idea, as they start with the basic right of all employees to be consulted and represented in dealings with their employer if they wish. If a majority of the employees want it, then unions would have a legal right to be recognised to negotiate for them.

But the TUC is clear that stakeholding is not a euphemism for more employee rights, although they are an integral part of this approach. The local community, suppliers, the local environment and the wider economy all have a stake in the success of companies, just as individual companies have a stake in the general prosperity and performance of the country.

Stakeholding is an exciting idea which has emerged as the unregulated, free-market excesses of the 1980s are in their death throes. The TUC looks forward to playing its part in this national debate.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Grot indeed

MALCOLM RIFKIND is beginning to exhibit the kind of diplomacy as Foreign Secretary that saw Douglas Hurd through many a tight spot on his sojourns. The chance for some emollient words came the other day when he popped into Azerbaijan to see the President, on his way to China.

President Aliyev, once Deputy Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, welcomed him with the hug of a bear and gave him a good lunch. Then he suggested that Rifkind might like to repair for coffee to his presidential grotto. "Your grotto?" asked Rifkind. "Yes, my grotto. I am rather proud of it," he replied.

The President led the minister away to an extraordinary cave for his coffee. A cave with handcrafted stalactites and stalagmites; with garish shells, fairy-like charms and coloured lights that would put a 1970s disco in the shade. It was carpeted with the skins of wild animals. Heidar Aliyev explained that the grotto was his own creation — he had studied for a year at architecture school and he had built it for Brezhnev when he visited.

The experience mightily impressed beetle-browed Brezhnev, but the cave was not quite to Rifkind's taste. "Well, what do you think?" asked the eager President — and Rifkind was diplomacy itself. "It's . . . well . . . it's unforgettable."

President Aliyev

- *After last night's documentary on Covent Garden, Jeremy Isaacs will tonight oppose an Oxford Union motion that "This house believes that the National Lottery gives too much money to élitist arts". Raymond Gubbay, the musical impresario who is putting on* La Bohème *for the masses at the Albert Hall, is proposing. "I'm not going to knock the Opera House, because they are doing a good job of that themselves," he says.*

Write on

YESTERDAY'S *Daily Telegraph* contained a pompous article by Sir Robert Rhodes James, who took exception to Sarah Bradford's new biography of the Queen, which is being serialised in *The Times*.

He said that the book imperilled Sarah Bradford's reputation — a remark that reminded me of a pithy exchange between Lord Dacre of Glanton (then Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper) and A.J.P. Taylor in the pages of a historical magazine in the 1960s.

First off, Trevor-Roper reviewed Taylor's provocative and controversial *Origins of the Second World War*. He closed his caustic remarks saying the book would do great damage to AJP's reputation. Taylor then reviewed Trevor-Roper's comments. His philippic was just as dismissive. The review, he said, would do great harm to Professor Trevor-Roper's reputation as a scholar — if he had one.

Sir Robert, too, has received pastings. "This book will be a disappointment," wrote Ian McIntyre of his recent biography of Henry Wellcome. "The writing is undistinguished and occasionally slipshod."

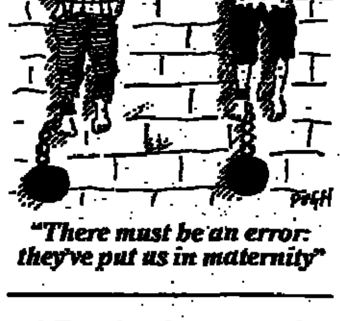
Still rocking

HI-DI-HIs and knobbly-knee competitions will shortly coming to the West End stage. *The Butlins Story*, a musical about Redcoats featuring Alvin Stardust, hits the London Palladium at the end of the month, before a nationwide tour (including a possible royal command performance in Skegness) as part of the diamond jubilee of the holiday camps.

Stardust, the leather-clad 1970s rock-star with a skyscraper of a quiff, will draw on personal experience for his starring role as Sir Billy Butlin. For like Michael Barrymore, Des O'Connor and Ken Dodd, he once worked in the camps. "As a boy I won a week at Butlin's in a talent contest and won another week in a contest there, singing Elvis Presley's *Teddy Bear*," he recalls. "That gave my career a push."

Suzie, be my Valentine

THE Foreign Secretary clearly has a passion for international affairs. Malcolm Rifkind yesterday declared himself to be in love with Susanna Agnelli, the elderly Italian Foreign Minister who once revealed her passion for Douglas Hurd, Mr Rifkind's predecessor. The Foreign Office, meanwhile, has announced a Valentine's Day party in London.



"There must be an error: they've put us in maternity"

Free or not?

MICHAEL FORSYTH, Secretary of State for Scotland, has an uncomfortable dilemma, given the climate created by the Nolan committee. As is the custom with new Cabinet ministers, he has been invited to contribute a book to the library in 10 Downing Street. He chose *The Road to Serfdom* by Friedrich Hayek, the free-market economic guru.

The book must be hardback, and Forsyth, who owns a dog-eared version in paperback, asked the Scottish Office to find him one. It is out of print, so at a lunch at the Institute of Economic Affairs — the sort of place one might fall over copies of Hayek — he ventured a plea.

A number of fine old copies were offered by assorted members free of charge but had to be turned down. All were first editions, worth up to £300, and the terms of the Nolan committee do not allow him to accept. Forsyth is still looking.

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BATTLE SITES

Who will win the Millennium Exhibition race?

In early modern Europe, the pursuit of the millennium was the obsession of revolutionary and anarchistic sects, few of them more assiduous than the Diggers and Ranters of Cromwellian England. In 1996we take a mostly calmer view of what will happen in just four years' time. But the Millennium Exhibition will certainly require the services of a good many mechanical diggers; the ranters are already performing at high volume. Whether or not the Millennium Commission decides today to hold the festival in Greenwich or in Birmingham, the merits of the sites ought to speak for themselves. Neither rival need treat the other as though the fate of the world depended upon the outcome.

Much has happened since the commission published its original shortlist last July. Two of the original bidders — Bromley-by-Bow in east London and Pride Park, Derby — are thought to be no longer in contention. The National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham has gathered widespread support among the professional organisers and policymakers, pointing out the defects of Greenwich Port almost as vigorously as it has extolled Brummie efficiency and hospitality. There can be no question but that Birmingham does enjoy some advantages over Greenwich: it has a good transport infrastructure already in place, it is more accessible from Scotland and the North, and the investment which the exhibition will bring with it would reinforce the city's status as a leading venue for trade fairs and shows.

Yet there are also two major objections to the Birmingham bid. The first is geographical. However convenient a Midlands venue may be for many Britons, a London one will always be more attractive for foreign vistors. This is especially true now that the Channel Tunnel has made England accessible from the Continent by land. The second is aesthetic. In the past generation, Birmingham has done much to polish its reputation, and is a cultural centre of international stature; one need only mention Sir Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. But postwar planning has left this great metropolis with an urban environment which cannot compare — whether for architectural and historical interest or for shops, hotels, restaurants and other facilities — with that of London.

Greenwich, too, has drawbacks. British Gas has this week reiterated its promise to remove, within the time available, all trace of the former gasworks from the site adjacent to the Blackwall Tunnel by the Thames. If claims that this cannot be done are emanating from the Birmingham camp, they should cease forthwith. But there must remain a question mark over the timetable for developing the site from scratch which Greenwich has set itself. Other aspects of the Greenwich proposals may need to be revised: it strains credibility, for instance, that millions of visitors arriving by car will be carried by boat from satellite car parks in east London and around the M25.

In spite of caveats, Greenwich has the right symbolic and practical credentials to host what ought to be the most important exhibition in Britain since 1851. Greenwich — and Greenwich alone — has the Meridian. The Observatory, the Royal Naval College, the *Cutty Sark*, the parks and other glories of Greenwich will be only a short tram ride away from the exhibition site. The extension to the Jubilee Line will ensure access by Tube — an essential prerequisite which puts the onus on London Underground's contractors to amaze us all by completing their work by the end of 1998.

Above all, Greenwich has London. That tips the balance in its favour. One cannot imagine a foreign Maecenas — the late François Mitterrand, say — or even our own past monarchs, from Alfred to Queen Victoria, missing such a unique opportunity. This is a chance to show the world what remains the finest capital in Europe: a national asset, to be enjoyed and cherished by all.

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS

A new trek begins for de Klerk and his party

Although South Africa's parliamentary elections are not until 1999, F. W. de Klerk is not taking any chances. His National Party — which marched up the hill of apartheid and, ultimately, marched all the way down again — has set in motion a process of renewal. On the agenda is a range of issues, both political and existential: nothing is too sacred for discussion or change. The party, once synonymous with the old South Africa, has determined to leave the shadow to which the new country has so far consigned it.

Mr de Klerk is, in effect, launching his party's next parliamentary election campaign, and is doing so not a moment too soon. He has watched his party's position erode considerably. Formally allied to the African National Congress in a Government of National Unity, the National Party has repeatedly suffered indignities. Although Mr de Klerk is Second Deputy President and a member of Cabinet, the function accorded to him by the ANC in the making of government policy is scarcely commensurate with his constitutional status.

The truth, in this case, is bitter: after dismantling apartheid and losing the elections in April 1994, the National Party has struggled to find a role that makes political sense; and the longer the party remains locked in alliance with the ANC, the harder it will be to sustain and sell an independent political programme. The country's demography would suggest that Mr de Klerk and his political heirs will never again enjoy power. For as long as Nelson Mandela is alive and well, the ANC should prove unbeatable in an election: and as long as his successor does not conduct himself rashly, that supremacy ought to survive the passage of the Mandela era. If the National Party is ever to succeed in breaking into the ANC vote, it will have to rebuild itself to a new design.

That is precisely what Mr de Klerk and his party's parliamentary caucus have set out to do. How can the National Party widen its appeal? How can it win black voters? One way forward is for it to cease to be regarded solely as the party of rearguard actions. Take the case of General Malan, the former Defence Minister who has been charged in court for his apartheid-era activities. Mr de Klerk, rightly, attacked the Government's ill-judged decision to prosecute the general, arguing that there were many ANC members who were not angels either. Yet in doing so, he merely compounded the growing belief that the National Party has been reduced to a party of protest.

Protest, of course, is not without its importance, particularly at a time of virtual ANC hegemony. But critics of the National Party — and as many well-wishers — continue to ask for proof of fresh ideas. Mr de Klerk has, so far, disappointed them. The latest moves, however, are reassuring. The party high command has declared itself willing to change into a "new political movement" based on "Christian principles": these, so far, have been identified as decency in government, ethics, honesty, as well as a commitment to free-market economic principles. In fact, the name "Christian Democratic Party" has been mooted as a more attractive new label. The debate within the party is still young, but it is promising. Mr de Klerk must continue his search for a programme which appeals to all South Africans: his Christian Democrat principles should belong to no one race in particular.

SILENT THUNDER

A language dies — but at least it is recorded first

Another language has left the world, in a catalogue of mortality that passes unnoticed by all but a few grieving specialists. Red Thunder Cloud, whose death at the age of 76 was reported in *The Times* yesterday, was the last man to speak the language of the Catawba tribe, a native American tongue that died with him. By the time of his death, Mr Thunder Cloud was almost as lonely as the world's last speaker of Aore, who happens to be the sole native inhabitant of the island of Aore in the Pacific state of Vanuatu.

For lovers of language, the disappearance of yet another is a cultural impoverishment, at least as hurtful as the extinction of one of the world's species: more so, because while there are millions of species, there are only 6,000 languages, and half are expected to become extinct over the next century. A language wraps up the entire experience of the people who speak it, their history, way of life and common values. Small wonder that proud nations like the Welsh struggle to preserve their native tongue. And no wonder at all that Esperanto, without a people to sustain it, remains the property of a few.

The dangers are greatest for cultures broken on the rock of change. In Australia, two-thirds of the 200 surviving Aboriginal languages are each spoken by fewer than ten people, and only one in ten of those is being learnt by children: the rest are as good as extinct. In the Americas there are more than 100 languages with fewer than 300 speakers, and even Europe has its threatened tongues, including the Hellenic language of Tsokanian, which is spoken by a tiny group of shepherds in the Peloponnese.

The Babel-count was once much higher. The peak was reached about 15,000 years ago, when there are believed to have been between 10,000 and 15,000 languages, each spoken on average by about 600 people. The invention of agriculture and the beginnings of settled life started the downward trend, accelerated by European colonisation.

For a newspaper written in English to bemoan the loss of languages may strike some as hypocritical, for it is the success of English that has helped to sweep so many other languages out of the way. So universal has it become that it has spawned many varieties, from pidgin to psychobabble, whose speakers find each other hard to understand. But, French paranoia notwithstanding, there is no Anglo-Saxon plot to destroy other languages: it is one of the prices of progress in a technological world for which English has become the common tongue.

For those whose languages face extinction, there is at least the compensation that it is happening at a time when the techniques of recording make it possible to preserve their sounds. Mr Thunder Cloud made recordings of Catawba speech and songs before he died, and they will be accessible to scholars. It is not the same as a living language, but it is certainly better than eternal silence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Benefits and disadvantages of a 'stakeholder' economy

From the Chairman of Boss Group Ltd

Sir, If Tony Blair's "stakeholder" ideal (letters, January 5, 11, 13) means what we have been doing at Boss Group since we bought the company out of receivership in May 1994, industry should not see it as a threat but as an opportunity: our works productivity is 40 per cent up against all-time best, the order book has trebled, production has doubled, quality is up and defects are down. All that before we embarked on our £10 million investment programme.

Like so many continental and Japanese companies in the UK — and increasingly a growing number of the best British companies — we are treating our employees, white-collar as well as blue-collar, as stakeholders. We commit to them and ask them to give commitment to the company; we inform them about our plans and objectives and work together to achieve them. We try to grow the business, not down-size it. The management realise that they want friends on the shop floor, not enemies.

Whether this can purely be achieved by a "stakeholder" mission statement, with recommendations for best practice or whether it needs more, remains to be seen. In my view, and that of a growing number of business leaders in this country, Britain needs a more modern, better balanced and longer-term orientated corporate governance system to compete on equal terms with their European and Japanese competitors. No way should we adopt the over-regulated German system, but the search must be on for a suitable model, which combines the best of both worlds.

I am glad that this important debate has now started in earnest.

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January 15.

From Lord Dahrendorf, FBA

Sir, Last summer, when the Commission on Wealth Creation and Social Cohesion (set up by Mr Paddy Ashdown and chaired by me) issued its first report (leading article, July 26, 1995), one of our recommendations was to recognise the importance of stakeholders for companies and society at large.

There can be no steady economic success — no wealth creation in the full sense — without the commitment of stakeholders. Shareholders, banks, suppliers and customers, local communities, and of course employees all have a stake in wealth-creating businesses which needs to be recognised.

We did not regard the idea as particularly original (indeed, the Royal Society of Arts report on "Tomorrow's Company" which makes the same point had appeared before ours), but we advocated its wider application:

> A stakeholder society is an inclusive society. It makes every effort to involve all citizens in the labour market, in the associations of civil society, in the political process.

It is pleasing to see these ideas more widely recognised, not least by Mr Tony Blair in his Singapore speech, but two points of clarification are needed.

A stakeholder society need not be a beer-and-sandwiches-at-Number-10 society. Perhaps the corporatist structures of continental Europe are too easily dismissed in Britain — as by Mr David Willetts, MP, in his article of January 11, "Why Blair is no heir to Thatcher", who lists the costs but not the benefits, which are above all a significantly higher standard of living.

Secondly, Mr Blair's advocacy of a stakeholder society has become entangled with the now widespread praise for Singapore and its vast public institutions for pensions and housing. If I may quote our report again:

> There are many in Western democracies who believe that growth and cohesion can only be achieved if an element of Asian authoritarianism is imported. We do not share this belief, indeed we feel that it must be fought.

It may be pleasing to the casual visitor to see everyone cared for and housed (as well as prevented from chewing gum or throwing away cigarette ends) but one must wonder whether such results can be achieved without banning newspapers or putting opposition members of parliament (if any) in prison.

The highest priority of a new economic and social policy for Britain is to get as close as possible to squaring the circle of wealth creation, social cohesion, and political liberty.

Yours sincerely,
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January 13.

From the Director of the Centre for Policy Studies

Sir, Tony Blair may have begun to recognise the issue of social insecurity and has proffered his "stakeholder" idea in response. Historically the term has impeccable left-wing, corporatist credentials. At the very least, "stakeholder" is a warm cosy slogan.

However, it is more likely that "stakeholder" will have been central to the discussion of the two internal Labour working parties, chaired by Andrew Smith and Margaret Beckett, which are due to complete their deliberations soon. They have drawn up detailed plans to increase government interference in business, some of which have legislative implications.

It would appear that these study groups are also looking at the redirection of investment, a greater role for non-executive directors, restrictions on take-over bids, boardroom seats for company suppliers and changes in voting arrangements for shareholders.

This sort of interference is in addition to Labour's stated commitment to introducing new burdens on industry such as the minimum wage, the European social chapter, a right to union recognition after a workforce ballot, and a right to strike with legal protection from unfair dismissal.

No wonder that Tony Blair tries so hard to persuade business people that they have nothing to fear from Labour; but does his new slogan conceal a return to the *dirigiste* policies of compulsion which so nearly bankrupted Britain in the 1970s?

Yours sincerely,
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January 16.

Saddam's victims, five years on

From Dr Ron Eccles

Sir, The people of Iraq have now suffered five years of sanctions as a means of bringing Saddam Hussein into line with UN directives. It is surely time for the UN to reconsider its policy of economic sanctions. Iraq's infrastructure was devastated by allied bombing and much of the water and sewage systems are still inoperative. Food and medical equipment are in short supply and there is widespread poverty. Infant mortality is among the highest in the world.

Despite all the predictions that Saddam would not survive more than a few months after the Gulf War he is still firmly in place. The Western powers have shown no resolve to displace him from power as they have provided neither moral nor material support to any of the country's opposition groups.

Support of the Kurds in the north of Iraq would displease our Nato ally, Turkey, and support for the Shias in the south would frighten our oil-rich friends in the Gulf. The mass of the population in Iraq are powerless to dislodge him from his reign of terror and are preoccupied with their own survival and trying to ease the suffering of their children.

It is now time for the UN to lift the sanctions against Iraq and, whilst retaining an effective arms embargo, to allow the sale of oil without restriction. At the same time the UN should guarantee Iraq's sovereignty within its present borders, since any break-up of the state would precipitate long-term instability in the Middle East.

Continuation of sanctions will not force Saddam to heel as he can survive indefinitely on the limited trade now operating across the borders with Jordan and Turkey, but it will mean the deaths of many more innocent children.

Yours etc,
RON ECCLES,
48 Nicholson Webb Close,
Danescourt, Cardiff.
January 11.

Diva in wartime

From Mr Alan Jefferson

Sir, I am sorry that Bernard Levin ("The diva with a shadow", January 12) should have chosen to focus on one aspect of my biography of Dame Elisabeth Schwarzkopf — that of her having sworn allegiance to the Nazi party.

The details in Dame Elisabeth's rise to fame cannot be glossed over or omitted: they have to be accepted according to the conditions existing in Germany 60 years ago. She had no other outlet for her precocious talent than to be a state entertainer in the Third Reich, the condition for which was party membership.

This part of her life has been blown out of all proportion to the rest of her astonishingly successful career. My book does not attack or criticise her but is a heartfelt appreciation of all the pleasure she has given us.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN JEFFERSON,
Deviock Farm House,
Deviock, Torpoint, Cornwall.
January 12.

From Mr Ronald John de Vries

Sir, Surely Bernard Levin is misguided in his belief that Elisabeth Schwarzkopf had no choice but to accept signing up to the Nazi party. Some of her fellow artists went to live in America, where they managed to further their careers.

By signing up and taking the Nazi oath she made a conscious decision to denounce the Jewish race. That she did not admit to this until much later in her career may be evidence that she was ashamed, but does not take anything away from the fact that she was a great singer.

The brilliant conductor Willem Mengelberg, who before the war in Holland made the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra one of the finest orchestras in the world, openly supported the Nazis during the occupation of his country and after the war was ostracised and went into exile in Switzerland.

His wartime stand cost him his career, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf's saved hers.

Yours sincerely,
RONALD JOHN de VRIES,
21 Hackford Close,
Woodbank Farm, Bury, Lancashire.
January 16.

Discarded Tardis

From Mr Bernard Gospel

Sir, I cannot let the report of the reincarnation of Dr Who ("Bad news for Daleks as the doctor is reincarnated", January 11) pass without remark.

The Hendon police box may well be London's last police box, but it is certainly not the last in Britain or even England. A stroll along the seafront here will reveal one surviving example, apparently unused for some years, but there again, Who would know.

Yours faithfully,
B. GOSPEL,
Laurel Cottage,
Bridge Close, Burniston,
Scarborough, *North Yorkshire.*

Daylight Bill

From Sir Michael Angus and others

Sir, On Friday MPs will have an opportunity to vote for John Butterfill's *British Time (Extra Daylight) Bill* (letters, December 21, 30, January 3). If implemented, this measure will save over 100 lives on our roads every year, reduce opportunistic crime, improve our quality of life and significantly boost British industry at no cost whatsoever.

It has been calculated that putting the clocks forward by one hour throughout the year would mean an extra £1.2 billion in earnings for the tourism and leisure industries, resulting in a substantial increase in employment.

It would also improve travel and communication links with the rest of Europe and the growing economies of the Far East while retaining the current overlap in working hours with the United States.

These benefits will accrue to all corners of the kingdom. The cross-party and nationwide support for the Bill is testament to this.

As businessmen we wish to add our voices to those calling on MPs to seize an historic opportunity to vote through this much needed and long-awaited reform.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL ANGUS,
Chairman, Whitbread plc and
Boots Company plc,

GEORGE J. BULL
(Group Executive,
Grand Metropolitan plc),

STUART HAMPSON
(Chairman,
John Lewis Partnership),

DENYS HENDERSON,
(Chairman, The Rank Organisation),

COLIN MARSHALL
(Chairman, British Airways plc),

ALASTAIR MORTON
(Chairman, Eurotunnel),

c/o Daylight Extra — Now,
Wells Point, 79 Wells Street, W1.
January 12.

Conservation success

From the Editor of International Zoo News

Sir, Your report, "Rare species disappearing without trace" (January 3), lists animals "unlikely to survive another year of attrition". All the species mentioned are undoubtedly on the brink of extinction — or already extinct — as naturally-occurring, wild populations; but a significant number seem likely to be saved from extinction by successful breeding programmes in captivity.

For example the most recent published figures list over 700 scimitar-horned oryx in 70 zoos worldwide, and captive-bred animals have been successfully reintroduced to the wild in two North African countries.

The California condor has been the subject of a dramatically successful last-ditch rescue effort; by 1987 the last surviving wild birds — around 20 in number — had been taken into captivity.

Only five years later captive-bred condors began to be released into the wild under careful surveillance, with long-term plans for the establishment of two wild populations of about 150 birds each.

The zoo population of the Chinese alligator is about 240 and growing, and China's own captive-breeding facility in Anhui province has been almost embarrassingly successful, with a current stock of over 4,000 hatchlings.

I do not want to encourage complacency — the plight of many of the world's wild species can hardly be exaggerated. But at least in some species, successful conservation means that the battle against extinction seems to have been won.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS GOULD,
Editor,
International Zoo News,
80 Cleveland Road,
Chichester, West Sussex.
January 7.

The Queen's offer

From Mr George Stern

Sir, Is not Sarah Bradford's story (January 13) of Winston Churchill's dukedom — that the Queen only offered to make Churchill a duke on condition that he refused — a paradigm for the meanness and arrogance of princes?

Without Churchill, Britain would have been conquered and the Queen a penniless refugee. Churchill saved her country and by this enabled her and her family to become what they are now — among the richest and most honoured in the world. A dukedom would have cost them a piece of paper.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE STERN,
6 Eton Court, 6 Shepherds Hill, N6.

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Haunting music

From Mr B. J. Francis

Sir, I would like to take issue with your suggestion (report, January 9) that ghostly appearances by Julia Margaret Cameron, the famous Victorian photographer, when music is played at her old home at Freshwater on the Isle of Wight indicate her aversion to music.

There is no evidence that Mrs Cameron disliked music; in fact the reverse is more likely. She always surrounded herself with cultured people, among whom there were almost certainly musicians.

I suggest that her love of music is what causes the manifestations. As for the smell, it is more likely to be that of the chemicals Mrs Cameron used in her photography and was well known to be careless with, sometimes spilling them on her clothing.

Yours faithfully,
B. J. FRANCIS,
4 Heol Tir Coch,
Pontypridd, *Mid Glamorgan.*

All-women shortlists

From Mr Brian Bigmore

Sir, In defending her party's policy of all-women shortlists (report, January 10) Labour's spokeswoman on women's issues, Tessa Jowell, talks about means and ends, and goes on to state: "Equality and democracy are guiding principles of the Labour Party. We do not achieve these by paying them only lip service."

History shows us that, more often than not, a flawed means brings about a flawed end. To support her thesis by effectively ignoring two of Labour's guiding principles, whether short-term or not, beggars belief.

What politicians, prospective or otherwise, of all parties should realise is that the problems of this country will never be truly solved until we start appointing the best person for the job irrespective of colour, creed or sex.

Yours faithfully,
B. BIGMORE,
19 Tavistock Road,
Launceston, Cornwall.
January 10.

Disk trouble

From Dr A. H. Landes

Sir, I was amused by Magnus Linklater's article (January 8) on the untimely death of his old computer system. Indeed we have all suffered such breakdowns.

However he is setting a terrible example to unsophisticated or new computer users by not having backed up his hard disk drive in over five years. Backing up files should be a habit instilled in all users from the first day they lay hands on a keyboard in anticipation of the day when their computer fails. The operative word here is of course "when" rather than "if".

We all need a rather light-hearted approach to computers, but should endeavour not to terrify novices lest we put them off getting involved with the technology.

Yours sincerely,
ALAIN LANDES,
Queen Mary's University Hospital,
Roehampton Lane, SW15.

Adventurous Ashford

From Mr Michael Baker

Sir, Ashford was indeed the engineering hub of the South Eastern Railway (letter, January 12). The line was alleged to operate on the principle of making its third-class carriages so frightful that any prospective passenger would willingly pay the extra fare to go first-class.

The South Eastern was the butt of numerous Victorian jokes. Perhaps the best, retold by the railway artist and historian, C. Hamilton Ellis, concerned a passenger who, on alighting from one of its boat-trains at Dover, exclaimed: "Well, thank God, that's the worst part of the journey over!"

"Why, how far are you going?", a fellow-traveller asked.

"Kamchatka," was the reply.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BAKER,
Alderley, 22 Moor Lane,
Rickmansworth,
Hertfordshire.
January 12.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 16: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

YORK HOUSE
January 16: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended a dinner to mark the retirement of Sir Derek Hornby as Chairman, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, London, W1.

Luncheon

The London Insurance and Reinsurance Market Association
Viscount Chelmsford was the guest of honour at a luncheon to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the creation of LIRMA, held yesterday at the Mansion House, in the presence of and by kind permission of the Lord Mayor. Mr Philip Marcell, Chairman, presided. The Lord Mayor responded to the Civic Toast. Miss Marie-Louise Rossi, Chief Executive, also spoke. Among those present were:
Mr Sheriff Ayers, the Right Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Baroness Turner of Camden and Sir Brian Pearse, Chairman of British Invisibles.

Dinners

Royal Society of Medicine
Sir Donald Harrison, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Harrison, received the guests at a reception and dinner held last night at 1 Wimpole Street. Mr Peter Holwell, Principal of London University, was the speaker. Among those present were:
Lord Richardson, Lord and Lady Smith, the Hon Mrs Stafford, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir Gordon and Lady Robson, Sir Christopher Booth, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Sir George and Lady Pinker and Sir Christopher Paine.

British Paediatric Association
Professor Roy Meadow, President, and the Officers of the British Paediatric Association, were the hosts last night at a dinner held at The Merchant Taylors' Hall, London.

Reception

British Safety Council
Mr James Tye, Director General of the British Safety Council, was the host at a reception held yesterday at Armourers' Hall for the Diploma in Safety Management awards.

Legal appointment

Mr John Quentin Campbell to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will open the Spey Abstraction Scheme, Baxters' Visitors Centre, Fochabers, Morayshire, at 11.30.

The Princess Royal, will present the 1995 Worldaware business awards at the Royal Institution of Great Britain at 10.25; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a luncheon at South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, at 1.00; as President of Crime Concern, will launch the Southwark Safer Cities project at Elmington Road, D'Eynsford Estate, SE5, at 2.45; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend the British Apparel export awards at the Royal Lancaster hotel at 7.20.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Business and Technology Education Council, will present the Student of the Year awards at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 11.00.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

Woolmen's Company

The following have been elected officers of the Woolmen's Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Michael D. Abrahams; Upper Warden, Mr Rex S. Johnson; Under Warden, Mr Paul H. Rippon.

University news

Oxford

New College

The following have been pre-elected to Fellowships:

Paddy Andrew Phillips, Professorial Fellowship, May Reader in Medicine (from March 1).

Richard Whittington, Official Fellowship, Tutor in Management Studies (from April 1).

Robert Christopher Towneley Parker, Wykeham Profesor of Ancient Art (from October 1).

Stephen James Redding, J Arthur Rank/C.A.W. Manning Junior Research Fellowship (from October 1).

Southampton

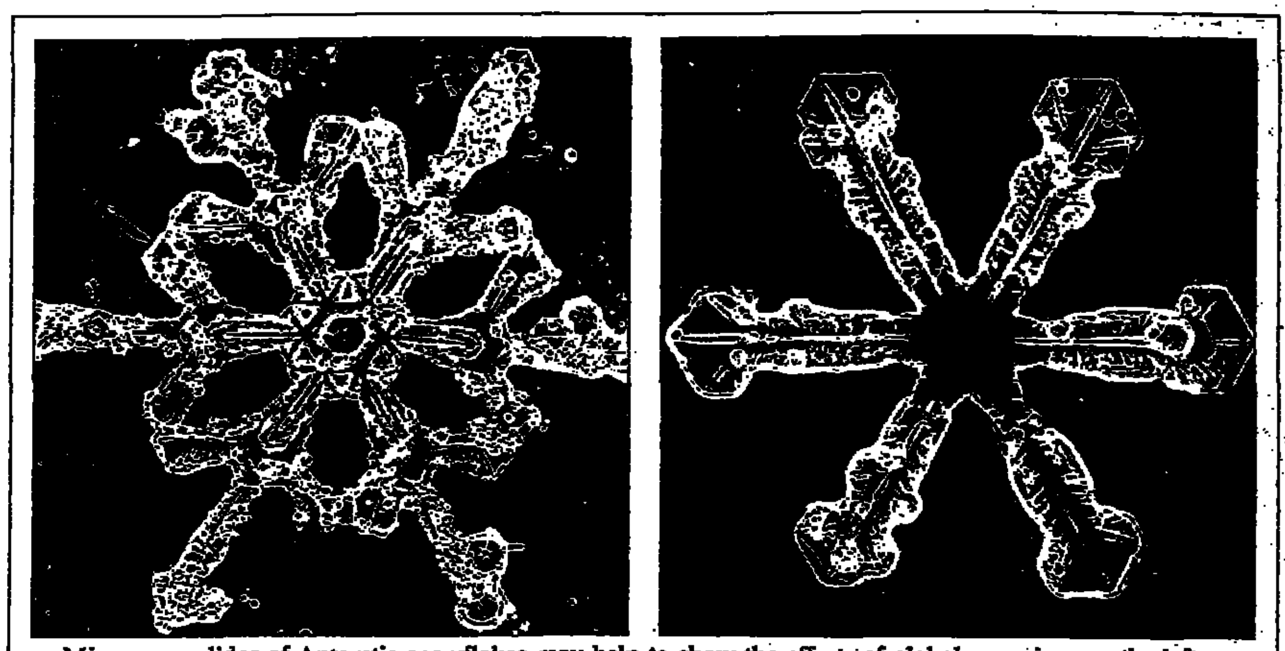
The Earl of Selborne has been elected Chancellor of Southampton University in succession to Lord Jellicoe, who retired last year. Lord Plant of Highfield, Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford, has been appointed Pro-Chancellor of the university.

Appointments

Mr Peter Young to be High Commissioner to the Bahamas, from early May, in succession to Mr Brian Attewell who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Today's birthdays

Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 54; Sir William Benyon, farmer, 66; Sir John Boyd, diplomat, 60; Sir Malcolm Chaplin, chartered surveyor, 62; Sir Michael Clapham, former chairman, IMI, 84; Sir Mervyn Davies, former High Court judge, 78; Sir Edward Fennessy, radar pioneer, 84; Mrs Monica Furlong, writer, 66; Mr Neil W. Gamble, Headmaster, Exeter School, 53; Mr Paul Howell, former MEP, 45; Mr James Earl Jones, actor, 65; Mr Anthony Kenney, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 54; the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, 54; Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, 60; Professor W.B. Robertson, histopathologist, 73; Mr Vidal Sassoon, hair stylist, 68; Miss Moira Shearer, ballerina, 70; Mr Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director, London Underground, 53; Sir Clyde Walcott, KA, cricketer, 70; Mr George Walker, former Governor, Styal prison, 59; Dr Gillian Weir, organist, 55; Mr Paul Young, singer, 40.



Microscope slides of Antarctic snowflakes may help to show the effects of global warming: on the left, a snowflake formed in cloud with water drops and crystals present, and on the right, a small snowflake

Scientist puts his head in the clouds

By Nick Nuttall
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

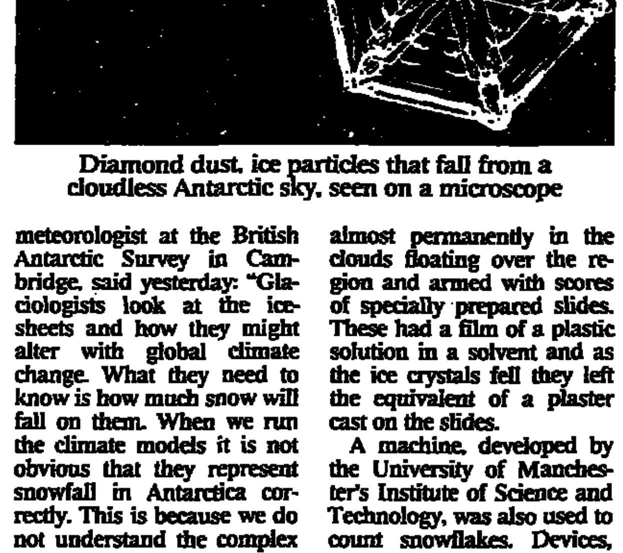
BRITISH scientists are investigating the mysteries of Antarctica's clouds after collecting snowflakes and a curious airborne ice crystal called diamond dust.

Researchers hope that the expedition, which has just returned from a cloud collecting mission 6,000ft up on the Antarctic Peninsula, will improve supercomputer models that are trying to forecast the impact of global warming.

Studies of clouds in Britain are well established but very little research has been done on clouds over the southern continent. Understanding how Antarctica's clouds form and the levels and types of snow, fine ice and rain that they release is crucial to a study of the long-term impact of rising temperatures. There are fears that ice-sheets might melt and increase worldwide sea levels.

Other researchers predict that falls of snow and ice over the region might actually increase making melting less likely.

Dr Tom Lachlan-Cope, a meteorologist at the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, said yesterday: "Glaciologists look at the ice-sheets and how they might alter with global climate change. What they need to know is how much snow will fall on them. When we run the climate models it is not obvious that they represent snowfall in Antarctica correctly. This is because we do not understand the complex microphysics going on within these clouds."



Diamond dust, ice particles that fall from a cloudless Antarctic sky, seen on a microscope

For 20 days Dr Lachlan-Cope sat with his head almost permanently in the clouds floating over the region and armed with scores of specially prepared slides. These had a film of a plastic solution in a solvent and as the ice crystals fell they left the equivalent of a plaster cast on the slides.

A machine, developed by the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology, was also used to count snowflakes. Devices, attached to balloons, measured the temperature and humidity of the Antarctic clouds as they floated upwards. Images taken by US weather satellites will also be part of the study. They can detect particles at the top of the clouds.

Dr Lachlan-Cope said he would now be comparing the imprints collected on the slides with a series on Antarctic cloud formation.

The findings will then be used to refine the climate models. Dr Lachlan-Cope says the clouds in Antarctica were far thinner than in latitudes like Britain, making snowflakes slimmer and lighter.

Some scientists believe that diamond dust, fine ice crystals less than a millimetre across that fall close to the ground, might contribute a large part of the ice which accumulates at the South Pole. The dust also helps to create spectacular solar halos and solar light displays as it floats to the ground.

"It is very strange ... you can be standing there and there are apparently no clouds overhead and yet you can see these very fine ice crystals falling from the sky, which, because they twinkle, are called diamond dust," he said.

School news

Edgehill College, Devon
Term started Wednesday, January 10. Sixth Form Scholarships have been awarded to: Natalie Beer, Jessica Jackson, Wilok Lau, Hannah Strawbridge. Exhibitions have been awarded to: Christian Fletcher-Cullum, Anna Folland, Sam Harding, Emily Stone.

St John's School, Leatherhead
Lent Term began on January 11 at St John's School, Leatherhead. Melissa Longmire is Captain of the School and Edward Marchant is Captain of Association Football. The Bruinvels Cross Country competition will be held on Saturday, March 9. The School play *Inherit the Wind* will be performed on March 13, 14 and 15. Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm on Tuesday, March 5, and the School Concert will be performed on Sunday, March 17, at 8pm.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Leonard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Wembdingen, Germany, 1501; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, parliamentary commander in the Civil War, Denton, Yorkshire, 1612; Benjamin Franklin, statesman, scientist and printer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1706; George Lyttleton, 1st Baron Lyttleton, statesman, historian and poet, Hagley, Worcestershire, 1709; Sir James Hall, geologist, Dunglass, Lothian, 1761; Charles Kean, actor, Waterford, Co Waterford, 1811; August Weismann, geneticist, Frankfurt am Main, 1834; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Prime Minister 1916-22, Manchester, 1863; Konstantin Stanislavsky, co-founder of the Moscow Art Theatre, Moscow, 1863; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, Nantwich, Cheshire, 1871; Mack Sennett, film producer and creator of the Keystone Cops, Richmond, Quebec, 1880; Sir Compton Mackenzie, novelist, West Hartlepool, 1883; Ronald Firbank, novelist, London, 1886.

DEATHS: John Ray, naturalist, Black Notley, Essex, 1705; Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th American President 1877-81, Fremont, Ohio, 1893; Charles Marie de Lisle, poet, Paris, 1894; Frederic William Myers, poet and co-founder of the Society of Psychical Research, Rome, 1901; Sir Francis Galton, explorer and anthropologist, Haslemere, Surrey, 1911; T.H. White, novelist, Piraeus, Greece, 1964.

Captain Cook's *Resolution* crossed the Antarctic Circle, the first ship to do so, 1773.

The BBC introduced breakfast television to Britain, 1983.

Latest wills

Baroness Greenwood of Rossendale, of London NW3, the artist designer, widow of Baron Greenwood of Rossendale, the former Labour MP for Rossendale and Cabinet Minister, left estate valued at £163,523 net.

Mr Donald Vaughan **Sinclair**, of Thirlby, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, late veterinary surgeon, and partner of Alf Wight (James Herriot) who became the model for the character Siegfried Farnon in his novels, left estate valued at £1,133,390 net; his wife Mrs Audrey Weston **Sinclair** left estate valued at £479,985 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Barbara Esme **Bromhead**, of Little Venice, London .... £2,065,571.

Mr Daniel George **Burson**, of Shenington, Oxfordshire, retired farmer .... £758,123.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.L. Atkinson
and Miss E.H. Radford
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr Leonard Atkinson and the late Mrs Atkinson, of Camberley, Surrey, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Radford, of Mere, Wiltshire.

The Hon L.R.O. Bridgeman
and Miss V.R. Frost
The engagement is announced between Luke Robinson Orlando, second son of Viscount and Viscountess Bridgeman, of Watley House, Sparsholt, Winchester, Hampshire, and Victoria Rose, youngest daughter of the late Mr Henry Frost, and of Mrs William Mellen, of Moors Farm, West Farndon, Daventry, Northamptonshire.

Mr C.A.E. Burgess
and Miss B.M. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Charles Anthony Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Burgess, of Ellerton Hall, Newport, Shropshire, and Belinda Mary, only daughter of Dr and Mrs David Thompson, of The Old Rectory, Stapleford Tawney, Essex.

Mr J.C. Davidson
and Miss C.E. Tyack
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Simon C. Davidson, of Upper Harley Street, London, and Catherine, younger daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs Bill Tyack, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Mr T.J.W. Evans
and Miss C.E. Mackie
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Evans, of Llandysul, Dyfed, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bonar Mackie, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr M. Folkesson
and Miss T-J. Church
The engagement is announced between Mikael, elder son of Mr Ulf Folkesson and the late Mrs Siv Folkesson, of Väderstad, Sweden, and Tamara-Jon, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Church, of Marbella, Spain.

Mr W.A.E. Holt
and Miss L.J. Thorburn
The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Walter Holt and of Mrs Ayshford Duke, of Builth Wells, Powys, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr Ronald Thorburn, of Kirkton Manor, Peebles, and Mrs Brian Lascelles, of Straloch, Perthshire.

Mr J.H. Lowe
and Miss J.S. Flaherty
The engagement is announced between Justin Henry, son of District Judge and Mrs N.H. Lowe, of Poole, Dorset, and Julia Siobhan, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.D. Flaherty, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr J.C.C. Maddocks
and Miss N.J. Humphreys
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Maddocks, of Aughton, Lancashire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.N. Humphreys, of Great Mollington, Chester.

Mr M.R. Mirosevic-Sorgo
and Dr S.A. McMahon Turner
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Ivan Mirosevic-Sorgo and of Mrs M. Hind, of London, and Sophie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas McMahon Turner, of Stockton Hermitage, York.

Mr M.L. Page
and Miss L.A. Loach
The engagement is announced between Mark Lewis, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Page, of Gomshall, Surrey, and Lisa Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Loach, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr G.K. Reynolds
and Mlle M-H.J. Blanqui
The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Reynolds, of Goosehill House, Bower Hinton, Somerset, and Marie-Hélène, only daughter of M and Mme Alain Blanqui, of 5 Rue Jean Schaack, Luxembourg.

The Hon D.L. Taylor
and Miss K.A.M.G. Riddell
The engagement is announced between Louis, son of Lord Taylor of Gosforth and the late Lady Taylor, and Kate, younger daughter of Professor Robert Riddell, of Auckland, New Zealand and the late Mrs Norma Riddell.

Marriages

Mr P.W. Leatham
and the Hon Caroline Woodhouse
A service of blessing was held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, after the marriage of Mr Philip Leatham, son of the late Major Patrick Leatham and the late the Hon Mrs Taylor, to the Hon Caroline Woodhouse, daughter of Lord and Lady Terrington. Canon Donald Gray officiated.

A reception was held at the House of Lords and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C. Brocklebank-Fowler
and Mrs D.A.J. Rycroft
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 13, in Edinburgh, between Mr Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, of Flitcham, Norfolk, and Mrs Dorothea Rycroft, née Evans, of Murrayfield.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Mark Cockayne, Assistant Curate, Armthorpe, Doncaster: to be Vicar, Malin Bridge, Sheffield (Sheffield).

The Rev Norman Jeffery, Vicar, Woburn Sands: to be *also* Rural Dean of Ampthill (St Albans).

The Rev Peter Liley, Curate, Exning with Landwade: to be Vicar, Acton with Gt Waldingfield (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Roger Porthouse, Vicar, Hailsham: to be *also* Rural Dean of Dallington (Chichester).

The Rev Maurice Stanton-Saringer, Rector, Sherington with Chicheley, North Crawley, Astwood and Hardmead: to be *also* Rural Dean of Newport (Oxford).

The Rev Rod Symmons, Rector Ardingly: now *also* Rural Dean of Cuckfield (Chichester).

The Rev Jane Wallman, Assistant Curate, St Mary's Woodbridge: to be Vicar, St Thomas's, Ipswich and Chaplain to the Wolsey Theatre (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev John Harrison, Vicar, Christ the Servant, Stockwood (Bristol): to retire April 25.

The Rev Graham Jeffery, Priest-in-Charge, Sullington and Thakeham w Warminghurst (Chichester): retired December 31.

The Rev John Mincher, Rector, Worlingworth (St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire April 30.

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The Lord God has given me the tongue of one who has been instructed to console the weary with a timely word: he made my hearing sharp every morning that I might listen.
Isaiah 50 : 4 (REB)

BIRTHS

ASKWITH - On January 13th 1996, to Clare (née Crowley) and Richard, a son, Edward Mark Brodie, a brother for Isobel.

BURNABY-ATKINS - On January 16th 1996, to Emma (née Smith) and Johnny, in Capetown, South Africa, a son.

CARTER - On January 8th 1996, to Ondine (née Glanville) and Hugh, a son, Alexander Cavendish, a brother for Nicholas and Camilla.

CLOWES - On January 15th, to Dot and Richard, a son.

DAVIES - On January 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Elaine (née Windsor) and Neill, a son, Matthew William.

EBRAHIM - On January 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Samira and Ashraf, a beautiful daughter, Sofia, a sister for Alia and Sara.

EVANS - On 14th January 1996, to Sandra and Jonathan, a son, Jonathan Oliver (known as Oliver), 8lbs 6oz.

HAM - On January 14th at University College Hospital, London, to Joanna (née Symondson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Lucy Louise.

HOBHOUSE - On January 10th, to Sarah (née Bush) and Sebastian, a second daughter, Alice.

IVORY - On January 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Vivienne and Andrew, a beautiful son, Conor Benjamin. Thanks to Roger and staff.

MARSTON - On 6th January 1996, to Rosalind (née Ellerton) and Nicholas Marston, a daughter, Beatrice Rose Victoria, a sister for Holly.

MENNELL - On December 13th 1995, to Jo and Will, a son, William Moorsom.

MONK - On January 15th, to Sophie (née Molossi) and Andrew, a daughter, Annabel Sarah.

MUNTZ - On Saturday 13th January 1996, to Bettina and Sebastian, a son, George Godric Aylett.

NASBY - On 13th January in Colorado Springs, to Jeanette and Donald, a son, Britton Tabor.

NICHOLSON - On January 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline and James, a daughter, Katie Elizabeth, a sister for Benjamin and Emma.

BIRTHS

OLIVER - To Germaine (née O'Connell) and Nicholas on 16th January at Poole Maternity Hospital, a son, Ross Connell, a brother for Clara and Jessica.

OPPENHEIMER - On January 14th in Johannesburg, to Jennifer and Jonathan, a son, Samuel Benjamin.

POYSER - On January 7th, to Krissie (née Williams) and Crispin, a son, Matthew David, a brother to Lizzie.

SCOTT - Born on January 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Kathryn and Alwyn, a beautiful daughter, Laura Elizabeth at 1807 GMT.

STAINES - On January 11th 1996, to Amelia (née Davies) and Simon, a beautiful daughter, Chloe Morgan was born weighing 6lbs 9oz at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

THOMPSON - On January 4th 1996, to Sally (née Littlejohn) and Paul, a daughter, Daisy Elizabeth.

WARDE-ALDAM - On 11th January, to Harriet and Tom, a daughter.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - Raymond, died peacefully at home on 14th January 1996 aged 70, after a long illness borne courageously. Beloved husband of Joyce, devoted father of David, Richard, Peter and John. Cherished "Grandad" of Robert, Simon, William, Elizabeth, Jessica, Matthew, Thomas, Henry, Theo and Cecily. Funeral Service on Saturday 20th January 11.45 am at St James Church, High Wych, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to the Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o David Robinson & Sons Funeral Directors, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. CM21 9DB.

ASPINALL - Peacefully on 15th January 1996 at Fernchase Manor Residential Home, after a very short illness, Eva widow of Leonard, in her 102nd year. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 11 am on Friday 26th January. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Salvation Army c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD.

DEATHS

BOLTON - Ruby Ethel Mary, on 11th January 1996, aged 91. Peacefully in Birch Trees Nursing Home, Midhurst. Formerly of The White Cottage, Bexley Hill. Much loved by her family and many friends. Funeral Service Monday 22nd January St Laurence's Church, Lurgashall at 11.30am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only at her request. Donations, if desired, to Harrison Homes, London W2 c/o L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst GU2 9DG.

BONNARD - On January 13th 1996, peacefully in the loving care of Milton Keynes Hospital, Basil Malcolm, aged 76 years. (Former School Master). A most loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday 24th January 1996 at St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands at 12.30 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Enquiries H.W. Mason & Sons, tel: (01908) 642700.

BRAMMER - Florence May, January 13th 1996 passed away peacefully at Eryri Hospital Caernarvon, devoted wife of the late Leonard Griffiths Brammer of Morfa Bychan, Gwynedd, and beloved mother of Pat and especially loved grandmother of Andrew. Public service at Nazareth Chapel, Morfa Bychan, on Friday January 19th 1996 at 11.45am followed by cremation at Bangor 1.30pm. Donations if desired in lieu of flowers to Mr G. Griffiths, 8 Market Square, Tremadog, Gwynedd in aid of Medical Equipment for Eryri Hospital.

BRANDER - Yvonne Eleanor (née Skinner) died peacefully on 10th January, beloved wife of George and mother of Frances, Anne, Isobel and John. Cremation at Walton Lea Crematorium, Warrington, 11.30 am Friday 19th January. Family flowers. Donations to the Stroke Association.

BRIAULT - Dr. Eric W.H. Briault CBE, much loved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully on Sunday 14th January. Thanksgiving Service Trinity Methodist Storrington 11.30 am Wednesday 24th January. Enquiries to C. Waterhouse F/D. (01436) 862219.

DEATHS

COBB - Richard Charles, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Nicky, Lucy, Richard and William. Historian and Writer, sadly passed away peacefully at home Monday January 15th, after a long illness courageously borne. The funeral will be held at St Helen's Church, Abingdon, on Monday 22nd January at 11 am. All enquiries to Barrett Funeral Directors, Abingdon. tel: (01235) 520808.

DONALDSON - On January 13th 1996, Joyce aged 76 years. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service 12.30 pm Chelsea Old Church, SW3, Friday 19th January, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon (0171) 937-0757.

DYKES - On 14th January 1996 at home in Cheltenham, Dr. Robert Malcolm Dykes, aged 89 years.

GARDNER - Anne-Marie aged 86, peacefully at Barnet General Hospital, on Friday 12th January. Devoted and beloved wife of Dr. Lyman and dearly loved mother of sons Edmund and Norman and much loved grandmother of six grandchildren. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Chipping Barnet, Tuesday 23rd January at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road. Flowers to J.A. Clark & Son Ltd., 103 Wood Street, Barnet.

AZEL - Margery Emerson in Battle Hospital, Reading, on 13th January, aged 81. Beloved mother of June Krystyna, loving and supportive mother-in-law to Michael, devoted and caring grandmother of Matthew, and dear sister of Philip. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Thursday 18th January at 2.30 pm. If desired, donations to the Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Oxon RG9 5DF.

GRANT - Mary Jean, of New Zealand and London, died on 27th December 1995 after a long illness impatiently borne. Cremation at Golders Green Cemetery, East Chapel, Wednesday 24th January 10.15 am. Family flowers only please. Donations to RNIB.

DEATHS

GROVER - John Frank William, husband of the late Sally, died peacefully in Shaftesbury Westminster Hospital on Saturday 13th January after a short illness. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Shroton, Dorset at 3 pm on Monday 22nd January. Family flowers only, please but, if desired, donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Colin Close Funeral Directors, 16 Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset. tel: (01258) 455133.

HANRATTY - Suddenly on 13th January 1996 John Hanratty O.B.E. aged 68 years (formerly of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office), beloved husband of Freda Curtis. Sadly missed.

HARPER - Suddenly but peacefully on Friday, 12th January, Sarah Elizabeth Rebecca. Youngest daughter of the late John and Rebecca Harper of Bedford. Devoted aunt of Roger, Yvonne, John and Mary. Funeral Service at Greatworth Church on Thursday, 25th January at 2pm. Flowers or donations for the PDSA may be sent c/o J&M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

HARRIS - On 14th January 1996 peacefully, Constance Olive (Connie) dear wife of Edward (Ted), beloved mother of Brian, Diana and Ian, aged 82 years. Funeral at St Barbara's Church, Earlsdon, Coventry on Friday 19th January at 2.15pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations for Inner Wheel Club of Coventry Charities to A. Pargetter & Son Ltd., City Mews, Lamb Street, Coventry, CV1 4AE. tel: (01203) 225343.

HILL - John (Jack) Arnold, peacefully on 14th January 1996 aged 92. Adored and loving husband of Esmé. Devoted father of Antony, Roderic and Angela, father-in-law of Barbara, Susie and William and much loved grandfather of Caroline, Alastair, Lorna, Caspar, Hugh and Chloe. Private Funeral - immediate family only. No flowers but, if desired, donations to Chipstead Lake Cheshire Home, c/o HJ Johnston & Son, Chiddingstone Causeway, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 8LE. A Thanksgiving Service for his life will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, 1st February 1996 at St Peter's Church, Hever, Kent.

DEATHS

JACKSON - On 10th January 1996 suddenly Graham George aged 67 years. Loved husband and best friend of Val. The service will take place at Rudgwick Parish Church on Friday 19th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Enquiries Cranleigh Funerals, tel: (01483) 276788.

LARWILL - Sara dearly loved widow of John Larwill on 12th January 1996 peacefully in Madeira. Funeral at The English Church, Madeira on 19th January. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Shenfield at 2.30 pm on 28th January.

LETHBRIDGE - Christopher John M.A.(Cantab), dear cousin of Mary Rose. Born 18th March 1928 at Waterbeach. Died 11th January 1996 at Warminster Hospital. Thanksgiving Service, with ashes, Friday 26th January at 2 pm in Upton Lovell Church. Enquiries to F. Curtis & Son, 11 Portway, Warminster, Wiltshire. tel: (01985) 212033.

LITTLE - Louisa Ethel aged 90 on 14th January peacefully in the loving care of The Old Rectory, Ewhurst. Beloved mother of Malcolm, Angela and Eveline, grandmother of Andrew, Mark, Christopher, Timothy and Elizabeth, great-grandmother of Madeleine, Marina, Charlie and Matilda.

MACPHERSON - On 12th January 1996, Squadron Leader Sheila Rosemary Macpherson WRAF (ret'd), loving sister and aunt, peacefully at Crosfield House, Rhayader, where she was nursed with care and dedication by the Royal British Legion. Funeral at 11am on 18th January at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Rhayader. Flowers and enquiries to Morgan Lloyd and Sons, East Street, Rhayader, Powys LD6 5DL (tel: 01597 810292). Memorial Mass at the Church of St Anselm and St Cecilia, Kingsway, London WC1 at 6 pm on 2nd February 1996.

MADDEN - Lt. Colonel Brian Madden D.S.O. died peacefully on Saturday 13th January 1996. Beloved husband of Mary (deceased). He will be sadly missed by his relatives and many friends. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Putney, SW15 Tuesday 23rd January at 11 am. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the NSPCC.

DEATHS

MARTIN - Margaret Calley (Mig), peacefully on January 13th 1996. Beloved wife of William (Bill) and mother of Julian and David (dec'd). Funeral Service at Worth Crematorium on Tuesday January 23rd - family only. Memorial Service at 12 noon on Wednesday January 24th at St Mary's, Westerham. Flowers or donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o W & F Groombridge, 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent (01732) 353964.

McDOWALL - Margery Haswell (née Wilson) peacefully at home on Friday 12th January 1996 in her 78th year, a loved and loving wife of Billie McDowall, beloved and devoted mother and grandmother. Service on Friday 19th January at Comrie and Strowan Parish Church at 10.30 am. Funeral Service and burial at 2.30pm at the Parish Church, Dunlop. All welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Crossroads, 24 George Square, Glasgow, G2 1EG.

NEARY - Leonard Walter, on 13th January aged 91. Tenderly loved husband of Jeanne Marguerite. Beloved father of Martin and Denise, father-in-law of Penny and Michael and grandfather of Nicola, Alice, Thomas, Alexandra and Julian. Sadly missed by his sister and all his family. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's, Cornhill on Tuesday 27th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Sussex Autistic Society, Rushetts, Langham Road, Robertsbridge, Sussex TN32 5DT or to The Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

NOBLE - Norman Eric Dare (Jock) MBE., DLC.; died peacefully January 12th after a short illness, aged 82 years. Funeral Service at Hartlip Parish Church on Tuesday January 23rd at 2.30pm. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign or Cats Protection League c/o R. High & Sons, 1 Bayford Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. tel: (01795) 472958.

DEATHS

ORFORD - Thomas Christian aged 90 on Friday 12th January. Life President of the National Association of Young Cricketers, President of Bucks County Cricket, much loved uncle and great-uncle. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends but remembered with affection and thanksgiving for a "great innings". Funeral Service St Mary's Parish Church, Beaconsfield Old Town, Tuesday 23rd January 1996 at 1.15 pm followed by cremation. Club ties please. Family flowers only but donations to the R.N.L.I. (Beaconsfield) c/o H.C. Grimstead Ltd., Tilbury House, Shepherds Lane, Beaconsfield, HP9 2DU, tel: (01494) 672668.

OSBORN - Derek William Allen on January 15th, much loved husband of Babs, father of Pat, Susan, Wendy and Michael, grandad to Mathew, Johanna, Jonathan and Richard. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service 10.30 am Friday 19th January at St Andrew's Church, Nuthurst. No flowers. Donations to St Thomas' Hospital's Cardiac Surgical Research Fund c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2BP.

PHEAR - H. John, suddenly at New Year aged 73. Much loved by David and Rita, Elizabeth and Akira, his nephews and nieces and family in Africa. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium, Garston on Friday 19th January at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

PURNELL - Professor John Howard Purnell OBE, President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, peacefully at home on Friday 12th January. Beloved husband of Betty, adored father of Rachel and Nick. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Newton, on January 19th 12 noon, cremation at Margam Crematorium, 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Tenovus (Cancer Research) c/o St James Funeral Home, 31 St James Gardens, Swansea SA1 6DT.

REDINGTON - On January 10th in Basildon Hospital, after a brief illness, Guy, father of Jennifer and Rosemary, grandfather to six grandchildren, great-grandfather to two great-grandchildren. Funeral Service on Wednesday 24th January at Barham Crematorium, nr. Canterbury, Kent at 2 pm.

DEATHS

REES - Lily Grace, wife of the late Reverend Edgar V. Rees and much loved mother of Susan, on January 10th 1996 in Barnes, London. The funeral will take place on Monday 22nd January at 12 noon at St Mary's, Barnes and later at Mortlake Crematorium. Close family flowers only please but any donations to St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy.

SANDERSON - Julia Marjorie (Bole) on 13th January, aged 84, much loved nanny to the Spink family of Thornton Hall, Lincolnshire, for 57 years. Funeral service at St Lawrence's Church, Thornton Curtis on Tuesday, 23rd January at 11.45 am.

SIMPSON - On January 12th at home, Elizabeth Anne (née Barker-Benfield), beloved mother, sister and grandmother. Cremation at Exeter 2.45, 19th January.

SINCLAIR-STEVENSON - On January 15th in Malta, George, beloved husband of Sonia and father of Christopher. Funeral at West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Saturday January 20th at 11 o'clock.

SKILLINGTON - Doris, aged 82, on Saturday 13th January 1996, peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Dearly loved wife of Pat, mother of Judy and Amanda, and sister of Alex. Funeral, Wednesday 24th January at 10.45 am at Reading Crematorium. Flowers to Tomalin & Son, Henley-on-Thames.

SMYTHE - Kay. On Saturday 13th January 1996, after a short illness. Much loved wife of the late Peter Smythe, mother of Helen and Mike and grandmother of Barney, Gussie and Olivia. Funeral Service at the Church of Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, on Friday 26th January 1996 at 12 noon. Enquiries to Haine & Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

TARASEWICZ - Stan aged 82 died peacefully in his chair at home on Thursday 11th January 1996 with his family around him. Sadly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren.

TUCKER - Peacefully on January 13th 1996, Fred a dear husband and father, sadly missed by all his family and friends. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Silchester Parish Church on Friday January 19th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Redwings may be sent c/o Geoffrey Church & Co., 46 Bishopswood Road, Tadley, Hants. RG26 6HD. tel: (01734) 814420.

DEATHS

WADE - Major General Douglas Ashton Lofft Wade CB OBE MC, suddenly at home on January 14th aged 97 years. Husband of Cynthia, father of Suzanne. Funeral Service to be held at St Margarets Church, Old Catton, Norwich, on Monday January 22nd at 1 pm, followed by interment at Old Catton Cemetery. No flowers please, donations to the Dunkirk Veterans Association or The Royal Signals Association may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE.

WEDDERBURN - Peacefully at Roxburghe House, Dundee, on Monday January 15th 1996, Mary Sharp Bethune of Mountquhanie, aged 92, widow of Lt. Col. Keir Wedderburn, The Black Watch and beloved mother of Pep and Andrew. Funeral Service in The Church Of Our Lady Star Of The Sea, Tayport on Friday January 19th at 11.30 am.

WILSON - On Sunday, January 14th, 1996, peacefully at home, Enid. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Wednesday, January 24th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations if wished for Hospice in the Weald c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough. (01892) 656000. A Memorial Service in the spring to be arranged by the family.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HAYES - A Memorial Service for the late Dr Paul M Hayes, Fellow of Keble College, Oxford, will be held in Keble College Chapel on Saturday 20th January 1996 at 2.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

OWEN - Jason Matthew Dale, aged five years, of Penarth. In loving memory of Jason, darling youngest son of Maureen Kelly Owen and Dale Owen, brother of Justin and Julian and grandson of the late Charles and Evelyn Kelly. Died, tragically, after six weeks in Cardiff Royal Infirmary, on January 17th 1984 from Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome (H.U.S.), a sudden but cruel illness, courageously endured. Although so very ill, in the infirmary Jason said "I like to be nice to people". So very deeply missed by his family and friends.

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD COBB

Richard Cobb, Professor of Modern History, Oxford University, 1973-84, and Senior Research Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, 1984-87, died on January 15 aged 78. He was born on May 20, 1917.

DURING an academic career lasting more than 30 years, Richard Cobb shocked, stimulated, instructed and delighted many friends, pupils and colleagues, outraged and made enemies of a much smaller number, and revitalised the study of the French Revolution not only in this country but in France.

Richard Cobb was the son of Francis Hills Cobb of the Sudan Civil Service and his wife, Dora. Though his father died when he was still young, he had a conventional middle-class English upbringing, and was sent to public school (Shrewsbury, which he disliked) before going up to Merton as a Postmaster in 1935 to read Modern History. J. M. Thompson, at that time the leading English historian of the French Revolution, was among his tutors.

Soon after taking a second he went to France to study French history. However, the Second World War broke out shortly afterwards and, after a series of civilian and semi-military postings, Cobb was attached to the Czech Army on liaison duties and served with it in France and Belgium in the closing campaign of the war.

After demobilisation he resumed his historical research in France, acquiring at the same time a knowledge of departmental and municipal archives whose range and breadth was unrivalled among foreign, and probably unsurpassed among French, scholars. Cobb published many notes and articles in these years and began also to prepare a French doctoral thesis (eventually not to be submitted, though later published as a two-volume work, *Les Armées Revolutionnaires*) but he returned to England to take up a lectureship in History at University College, Aberystwyth, in 1955. He held a Senior Simon Research Fellowship in the University of Manchester in 1959, and then moved in 1962 to the University of Leeds as a lecturer.

That same year, however, he was elected to a fellowship and tutorship at Balliol, where he remained until his election to the Chair of Modern History — this was followed by his translation to Worcester College as a professorial fellow in 1973. He became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1967 (giving the Ralegh Lecture in 1974) and was a visiting professor at the Collège de France in 1971 and Zaharoff Lecturer at Oxford in 1974. Honorary fellowships were conferred on him by both Balliol (1977) and Merton (1979).

Cobb was his own chronicler, not only in many written pieces which reveal his outstanding literary power (*A Second Identity*, published in 1969, contains some of the best examples, while *Still Life*, 1983, sketches from his childhood in Tunbridge Wells, transforms autobiography into social history) but also in his conversation, or, rather, his jerky and immensely informative monologues. Like those of other entertaining chroniclers, his narratives wove together fact and fancy; it was not easy to separate them, nor was it rewarding to do so, for one learnt much more by listening to Cobb than by arguing with him.

His narrative gift, too, embellished his history, for he loved a story, though not a well-marked story-line. He never wrote conventional narrative, but always founded his historical work on a myriad details, episodes and anecdotes; it was in narrating them in such a way as to qualify and confute accepted general accounts and generalised argument that his exceptional talent lay.

His *pointilliste* technique revivified the history of the French Revolution (and, for many of his pupils and readers, much of other history as well), not only by drawing attention to neglected detail but by illuminating, with great sensitivity, the Revolution as it swept over those under the harrow. The conventional pieties (he hardly spoke of Robespierre but with bitter contempt) were overturned by this, but the excitement was more than that of a mere *frondeur*. His history was compelling not only because it demolished existing categories but because it created new ones; it was, though he might have disliked the term ("for myself", he once wrote, "history has never been an intellectual debate"), an intellectual achievement. It was expressed in a series of books of which the best (because the most structured) was *Les Armées Revolutionnaires*, and a huge list of occasional papers, articles, long reviews and fragments.

The impact which, for ten years or so, Cobb made upon the direction of research in this country was, on the other hand, as much due to personal encounters as to his writing. In the end, that impact slackened, in part, perhaps, because other men found, to their surprise, that their application of the methods of "*l'étonnant Cobb*" (he treasured the epithet from *Le Monde*) did not yield to them and their readers the excitement his own work conveyed. It was also a qualification of his achievement that he mistakenly involved himself in a scholarly wrangle with the other English historian of his day who made major contributions to the study of the Revolution, Alfred Cobban. Happily, the personal animus which crept into their exchanges was dissipated at the end, and when Cobb paid his last visit to the older historian as he lay on his death bed, they parted as friends. This was characteristic. Cobb could fall out with his friends easily and inexplicably but it was not hard to rebuild one's bridges when a little time had passed. Those who remained unreconciled usually had a quite notable degree of self-regard (a trait he was only too happy to expose by giving their expostulations as wide a circulation as he could).

Hospitable, kindly to those he could help, warm-hearted, deeply in love with France, he belonged to a tradition of English eccentricity for which Oxford seemed a remarkably appropriate setting, disrespectful of its conventional pieties as he strove to be. More sentimental than he dared allow, he in fact loved Oxford and its ways deeply; fortunately, his changing gallery of *bêtes noires* could always find new recruitment within a university so diverse. It was there that he made his strongest impact, in the immediate exchanges of personal encounter. Perhaps they also provide a key to his historical achievement, for he was always most happily engaged when recreating the substance of the past at the most personal level — the servant-girl seduced on the 9th *Thermidor*, or the tap-room brawler turned "de-Christianiser". In illuminating these forgotten lives, he reminded a generation of historians of what they had overlooked, the real and personal impact of the great revolutionary abstractions. This was the core of his historical achievement.

Richard Cobb married first in 1951. This marriage was dissolved. He married for a second time in 1963 Margaret Tennant, who survives him along with one son from his first marriage and three sons and a daughter from his second.

ANN ELWELL

Ann Elwell, OBE, intelligence officer and diplomat, died from cancer on January 12 aged 73. She was born on June 16, 1922.

ANN GLASS, later Ann Elwell, was the very model of a wartime "beautiful female spy", as the photographer Angus McBean captured her and Robert Graves described her. She was witty, worldly, a friend of writers and painters (she was artistic and musical), and fluent in French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Her smoker's low voice and laugh seemed a breath from nightclubs and jazz cellars, the crowded rooms she suited so well. But her glamour was deceptive. Unlike the intelligence agent of fiction, always a loner, she combined "the Office" with running a household for her husband, four children and, later, her aged parents, aunt and mother-in-law. She made a genuine success of the multiple roles that modern women grapple with, while always presenting herself as very imperfect, lazy and untidy.

Ann Catherine Glass was the only child of Dr Robert Glass, Royal Navy surgeon turned Bayswater GP (he was on *HMS Dreadnought* when it sank a U-boat by ramming it in the First World War; the crew said what did it was the weight of "Jumbo" Glass). Her mother, Eileen Smartt, was a daughter of the Rector of Tralee, who became Dean of Manchester. Ann was educated at Miss Faunce's school in Bayswater (later Miss Lambert's), and she also had a governess who taught her French and German. The governess's other pupils included Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

Ann Glass passed her school certificate at 14. She was sent to the Misses Lestrange's finishing school in Florence, to Germany, and in London to the Monkey Club and the Webber-Douglas drama school (with Michael Gough). In the summer of 1939, her mother brought her out, though still only 16, in case there was a war. She was at the last dance at Holland House — soon to be destroyed by a bomb. Staying at Peggy Harmsworth's, she briefly met Henry Yorke (the novelist Henry Green), who was 34. A year later, Yorke saw her in Bond Street and said: "You are now old enough for me to ask you out." Her friendship with him, and his wife Dig, endured. He was to be the godfather of her third child. Through Yorke, she knew Matthew Smith, Cyril Connolly, William Saroyan, Irwin Shaw and others distinguished in the arts. Matthew Smith painted two portraits of her, one of which he gave to Laurie Lee.

Ann Glass was recruited by MI5 at the age of 18. One of her first jobs was as a script girl on the film *In Which We Serve* — she was there to keep watch on the Italian art director, whom Noël Coward had had brought out of internment.

She had many admirers, among them in London Charles Collingwood, the United Press and CBS war correspondent, and Dorsey Fisher of the American Embassy. Most of her men friends, like her women friends, were permanent. Her parents took a room for her in the Dorchester during the Blitz (it boasted the deepest shelters) which she hardly used, as she was usually out on the town until almost dawn, walking home reading the morning papers by the light of the fires left by the incendiary bombs before changing to go to her office at Wormwood Scrubs.

As the war ended, she went to Rome to read captured documents, taking over from Anthony Blunt, who moved to Germany. She worked on Mussolini's suitcase of documents, brought to the British by the Partisans who had killed him.

In 1950 she married Charles Elwell, a naval officer who joined MI5 after the war and became expert on the KGB. As a working couple in Intelligence the Elwells were sent to Singapore, where three children were born. In 1955 they came back to England, where their last child was born in 1958.

Ann Elwell left MI5 and moved to the Foreign Office's Information Research Department (IRD) set up in 1948 to counter communism. She became an expert on the Middle East and made several trips there. She went to Iran, Turkey and Pakistan as part of IRD's help for Cento (the Central Treaty Organisation). When her contacts came to London she used her entertainment allowance to feed them at home, thinking it more welcoming and interesting for them than going out to a restaurant.

In 1962 the Elwells moved to Buckinghamshire, so as to be able to house their children and both sets of their own parents under one roof. Ann Elwell retired from government service in the late 1970s.

She is survived by her husband and two sons and two daughters.

LORD McFADZEAN

Lord McFadzean, KT, chairman of BICC, 1954-73, and deputy chairman of Midland Bank, 1968-77, died on January 14 aged 92. He was born on December 17, 1903.

AS CHAIRMAN for twenty years of BICC, the massive cable and construction group, William McFadzean exercised an immense influence on postwar British industry. He graduated through the traditional school of chartered accountancy, before joining British Insulated Cables in 1932 and overseeing its merger with Callender's Cable and Construction Company in 1945.

McFadzean's other interests in industry and finance read like a catalogue of top British companies. He was a director of Midland Bank during the secondary banking crisis of 1974, and he became the first chairman of the British National Export Council (the precursor of the British Overseas Trade Board) in 1964. He gathered a strong team about him at the council, and pushed for a strong, imaginative export policy for British companies.

His one piece of advice to young industrialists was to study languages, preferably at least six of them, in order to operate more effectively in international markets. McFadzean was not a good linguist himself but he was indefatigable in touring BICC's numerous foreign outposts. He was also one of the first businessmen to promote the idea of a United Europe, a political entity which, he urged, should grow naturally out of an economic union.

Known as Bill to friends, William Hunter McFadzean was born in Stranraer and educated at Stranraer Academy and High School. He remained recognisably Scottish in accent and manner. His father was a cheese merchant but died when he was 15, and McFadzean's biggest family influence thereafter was a maternal cousin, who advised him to join a company which was both international and involved in an expanding field. McFadzean tried to prepare for this by reading both law and chartered accountancy at Glasgow University, but became ill from overwork and took a degree in only the latter before beginning his career as an accountant.

Graduating in 1922, he served articles with the Glasgow accountancy firm of McLay, McAllister & McGibbon, and five years later he joined the London firm of Chalmers Wade. One of that firm's clients was British Insulated Cables, whose staff he joined in 1932.

He was rapidly promoted — financial secretary in 1937, executive manager in 1942 — and over the next three years he worked closely on plans for the merger with Callender's. He joined the new board of British Insulated Callender's Cables (BICC) in 1945. He was made chief executive in 1950 and chairman in 1954.

Thus, from a very early stage in the life of BICC, McFadzean was responsible for its development from a medium-sized cable company to a group with operations across the globe. Arguing that Britain could not provide a sufficiently large stage for the group's operations, McFadzean drove the company abroad through a series of partnerships and co-operative deals. "Our great surge forward," as he described it, was intended to extend the company's reach without exposing it to undue risk. One of the most ambitious of these partnerships brought BICC together with RTZ and British Aluminium. Within 20 years BICC's exports and overseas sales had grown from £3 million to £250 million.

McFadzean's help to the export drive was a significant factor in the knighthood he received in 1960, and he was raised to the peerage six years later. He was appointed a Knight of the Thistle in 1976. He enjoyed the atmosphere of the Lords, where he could speak on subjects he knew about while keeping clear of party politics. He took his enthusiasm for export into wider councils, becoming president of the then Federation of British Industry, 1959-61 (later the CBI); chairman of the British National Export Council, 1964-66, and then its president, 1966-68; and a founder of the Export Council for Europe. Exporting, he argued, should be backed by the Government, encouraged by a freeing of world trading conditions and regarded as a permanent goal in itself, not a spasmodic effort to get rid of goods unsold at home.

On retirement from BICC in 1973, McFadzean was made life president of the company and became deputy chairman of National Nuclear Corporation until 1980. But he had also sat on the board of Midland Bank since 1959, and banking was to take up more of his energies. He was deputy chairman of the Midland, 1968-77, when the bank streamlined its organisation, bought the Thomas Cook travel agency business (since sold) and dealt with the secondary banking crisis.

However, he never completely dropped his connections with BICC, and kept an office at the company which he attended regularly until he and Lady McFadzean moved to Bath in 1987.

Lord McFadzean is survived by his wife Eileen whom he married in 1933, and by a son and a daughter. An adopted daughter predeceased him.

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Not for the first or last time the IRA was suspected of being the perpetrator of explosions on the mainland.

DAY OF MANY EXPLOSIONS

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At almost the same time yesterday morning, a series of five explosions occurred in London and Manchester. Three explosions in the centre of Manchester had the more serious results. One man was killed, two were injured, and there was substantial damage.

Our Birmingham Correspondent telephones that an attempt at interference with Hams Hall power station appears to have been discovered on Sunday. It is believed that something was discovered that might have caused severe damage to the huge water towers. In consequence police precautions have been taken. A report of a bomb explosion cannot be confirmed, and there has been no failure of the electric current. The circumstances would seem to point to some connexion with the affairs in London and Manchester.

Our Alnwick Correspondent writes that an explosion which was heard for miles yesterday morning was found to have tilted one of the pylons of the electric grid system six miles west of Alnwick. The electricity service was not interrupted. The wires run north towards the Scottish border. Evidence of an explosive having been used was found.

Scotland Yard and Home Office explosives experts are collaborating with the local police to solve the mystery of the London explosions. One of these, believed to have been caused by a bomb or a detonator, occurred outside the control room for South-East England of the Central Electricity Board, Southwark, S.E. The other was on a bridge at Harlesden, N.W., which carries electricity cables to Willesden Power Station. In neither case was there any interruption of the electricity supply.

One of the theories on which the police are working is that the explosions might be an outbreak of disturbances organized by sympathizers with the illegal Irish Republican Army. This body has been engaged in attempts to blow up Customs huts on the border between Eire and Northern Ireland and, on December 22, 34 of its alleged leaders were arrested in Belfast on the ground that plans had been prepared by the I.R.A. to attack prominent persons and Government property during the Christmas and New Year periods. On January 11, the arrested persons were served with internment orders.

The scene then shifted to Dublin. A letter signed by P. Fleming, and dated Dublin, January 12, was sent to the British Government, who were summoned to withdraw their forces from Northern Ireland by yesterday, failing which the I.R.A. would attack property in Great Britain. The letter disclaimed any hostility to the British people. Copies of the letter bearing the same signature and date were sent to the Ministers of foreign Powers in Dublin. Yesterday placards were found near the scene of some of the explosions, one of them outside the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Southwark, calling upon the Irish in Great Britain to support the movement for a Republic of All-Ireland.

The explosions in Manchester involved gas and electricity mains. They occurred almost simultaneously, and covered an area of about half a mile.

In the most severe explosion of the three, Albert Ross, 24, of Hulme, a fish porter at Smithfield Market, was blown into the air and in falling, knocked down Thomas Wash, 40, a postman, of Stockport. Ross died in the Royal Infirmary three hours later. Wash escaped with severe shock. For hours afterwards a gas main at this spot, which is behind Piccadilly and a few yards behind the Stevenson Square train and bus terminus, was ablaze.

European Law Report **Luxembourg**

Transfer fee system offends EU freedom to work principle

Union Royale Belge des Sociétés de Football Association ASBL v Bosman
Royal Club Liègois SA v Same and Others
Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA) v Same
Case C-415/93

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, D. A. O. Edward, G. Hirsch, G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, J. L. Murray, P. Jann and H. Ragnemalm

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(Opinion September 20)

[Judgment December 15]

Article 48 of the EC Treaty, on the freedom of movement of workers, precluded the application of rules of sporting associations whereby a professional footballer could not, on the expiry of his contract with a club, be employed by a club in another member state unless a transfer fee was paid to the former club.

Article 48 precluded the application of rules which limited the number of professional players who were nationals of other member states who could be fielded in competition matches.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held, inter alia, on a reference, by order of October 1, 1993, by the Cour d'Appel, Liège, Belgium, for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the Treaty.

The rules of, inter alia, the Belgian football association (URBSFA) and the European football confederation (UEFA) included provisions to the effect that where a player's contract with a club expired, his availability for employment by a new club was subject to the payment by the second to the first club of a transfer fee as compensation for training.

UEFA had a rule permitting national associations to limit the number of foreign players who could be fielded in certain matches, and many national associations had rules restricting the recruitment or fielding of foreign players in matches.

After Mr Jean-Marc Bosman, a professional footballer of Belgian nationality, had refused to sign a contract for a further season with his then club, RC Liège, he was put on the compulsory transfer list, the fee for such transfer being set at BF11,743,000.

No club showed any interest in a compulsory transfer, but contracts were subsequently made between Mr Bosman and a French club, US Dunquerque, for the engagement of Mr Bosman by that club, and between RC Liège and US Dunquerque for the temporary transfer of Mr Bosman for one year against payment of a fee of BF1,200,000 payable on receipt by the Fédération Française de Football (FFF) of a transfer certificate issued by URBSFA, with the option for a full transfer at a fee of BF4,800,000. Both contracts were subject to the condition that the transfer certificate be sent to FFF in time for the first match of the 1990-1991 season.

RC Liège, which had doubts as to US Dunquerque's solvency, did not ask URBSFA to send the certificate to FFF, and as a result neither contract took effect. In July 1990, RC Liège suspended Mr Bosman, thereby preventing him from playing for the entire season.

In proceedings brought by him, Mr Bosman sought, inter alia, an interlocutory order restraining RC Liège and URBSFA from impeding his engagement by a new employer by requiring the payment of a sum of money. Further parties, including UEFA, were later joined to the action.

The questions referred for a preliminary ruling were, inter alia, whether article 48 of the EC Treaty prohibited the rules relating to transfer fees and the nationality of players.

Article 48 provides: "(1) Freedom of movement for workers shall be secured within the Community by the end of the transitional period at the latest.

"(2) Such freedom of movement shall entail the abolition of any discrimination based on nationality between workers of the member states as regards employment, remuneration and other conditions of work and employment.

"(3) It shall entail the right . . . (a) to accept offers of employment actually made . . ."

In its judgment the Court of Justice held, inter alia, as follows:

1(1) Article 48 applied to rules laid down by sporting associations such as URBSFA and UEFA which determined the terms on which professional sportsmen could engage in gainful employment, and arguments to the contrary that had been put forward could not be accepted, for the following reasons.

Article 48 not only applied to the action of public authorities but also extended to rules of any other nature aimed at regulating gainful employment in a collective manner, and the abolition as between member states of obstacles to freedom of movement for persons and to freedom to provide services would be compromised if the abolition of state barriers could be neutralised by obstacles resulting from the exercise of their legal autonomy by associations or organisations not governed by public law: see Case 36/74 *Walrave v Association Union Cycliste Internationale* [1974] ECR 1405, paragraphs 17-18).

Sport was subject to Community law only in so far as it constituted an economic activity within the meaning of article 2 of the Treaty: *Walrave*, paragraph 4. That applied to the activities of professional or semi-professional footballers, where they were in gainful employment or provided a remunerated service: see Case 13/76 *Dond v Mantero* ([1976] ECR 1333, paragraph 12).

It was not necessary, for the purposes of the application of the Community provisions on freedom of movement for workers, for the employer to be an undertaking; all that was required was the existence of, or the intention to create, an employment relationship.

Application of article 48 of the Treaty was not precluded by the fact that the transfer rules governed the business relationships between clubs rather than the employment relationships between clubs and players, as the fact that the employing clubs had to pay fees on recruiting a player from another club affected the players' opportunities for finding employment and the terms under which such employment was offered.

The German Government submitted that sport in general had points of similarity with culture and pointed out that, under article 128(1) of the EC Treaty, the Community must respect the national and regional diversity of the cultures of the member states.

However, the question submitted by the national court did not relate to the conditions under which Community powers of limited extent, such as those based on article 128(1), could be exercised, but to the scope of the freedom of movement of workers guaranteed by article 48, which was a fundamental freedom in the Community system: see, inter alia, Case C-19/92 *Kraus v Land Baden-Württemberg* (*The Times* April 6, 1993; [1993] ECR I-1663, paragraph 16).

The court considered and rejected arguments relating to the difficulty of severing the economic aspects from the sporting aspects of football, the possible consequences of the judgment on the organisation of football as a whole, the freedom of association and autonomy enjoyed by sporting federations under national law, and the principle of subsidiarity.

1(2) Since it was clear that Mr Bosman had entered into a contract of employment with a club in another member state with a view to exercising gainful employment in that state, and by so doing had accepted an offer of employment actually made, within the meaning of article 48(3)(a), the situation in issue could not be classified as a purely internal one which fell outside the ambit of article 48.

1(3) The court had repeatedly held that freedom of movement for workers was one of the fundamental principles of the Community, and the Treaty provisions guaranteeing that freedom had had direct effect since the end of the transitional period.

Nationals of member states had the right, derived directly from the Treaty, to leave their country of origin to enter the territory of another member state and reside there in order to pursue an economic activity there, and provisions which precluded or deterred a national of a member state from leaving his country of origin in order to exercise his right to freedom of movement therefore constituted an obstacle to that freedom even if they applied without regard to the nationality of the workers concerned.

It was true that the transfer rules in issue applied also to transfers of players between clubs belonging to different national associations within the same member state and that similar rules governed transfers between clubs belonging to the same national association, but those rules were likely to restrict the freedom of movement of players who wished to pursue their activity in another member state, by preventing or deterring them from leaving the clubs to which they belonged even after the expiry of their contracts of employment with those clubs.

Since they provided that a professional footballer could not pursue his activity with a new club established in another member state unless it had paid his former club a transfer fee agreed on between the two clubs or determined in accordance with the regulations of the sporting associations, the rules constituted an obstacle to freedom of movement for workers prohibited in principle by article 48.

That finding was not affected by the fact that the transfer rules adopted by UEFA in 1990 stipulated that the business relationship between the two clubs was to exert no influence on the activity of the player, who was to be free to play for his new club, as the new club must still pay the fee in issue, under pain of penalties which might include its being struck off for debt, which prevented it just as effectively from signing up a player from a club in another member state without paying that fee.

1(4) The rules could only not be contrary to article 48 if they pursued a legitimate aim compatible with the Treaty and were justified by pressing reasons of public interest, and even then they would have to be such as not to go beyond what was necessary for that purpose.

In view of the considerable social importance of sporting activities and in particular football in the Community, the aims of maintaining a balance between clubs by preserving a certain degree of equality and uncertainty as to results and of encouraging the recruitment and training of young players must be accepted as legitimate.

However, as regards the first of those aims, the application of the transfer rules was not an adequate means of maintaining financial and competitive balance in the world of football. Those rules neither precluded the richest clubs from securing the services of the best players nor prevented the availability of financial resources from being a decisive factor in competitive sport, thus considerably altering the balance between clubs.

As regards the second aim, it must be accepted that the prospect of receiving transfer, development or training fees was indeed likely to encourage football clubs to seek new talent and train young players.

However, because it was impossible to predict the sporting future of young players with any certainty and because only a limited number of such players went on to play professionally, those fees were by nature contingent and uncertain and were in any event unrelated to the actual cost borne by clubs of training both future professional players and those who would never play professionally.

The prospect of receiving such fees could not, therefore, be either a decisive factor in encouraging recruitment and training of young players or an adequate means of financing such activities, particularly in the case of smaller clubs.

Furthermore, the same aims could be achieved at least as efficiently by other means which did not impede freedom of movement for workers.

The argument that the rules in question were necessary to compensate clubs for the expenses which they had had to incur in paying fees on recruiting their players could not be accepted, since it sought to justify the maintenance of obstacles to freedom of movement for workers simply on the ground that such obstacles had been able to exist in the past.

2 Under the second question, it was to be considered whether the nationality clauses constituted an obstacle to freedom of movement for workers prohibited by article 48.

Article 48(2) had been implemented, in particular, by article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of the Council of October 15, 1968 on freedom of movement for workers within the Community (Official Journal, English Special Edition, 1968(II), p475), under which provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action of the member states which restricted by number or percentage the employment of foreign nationals in any undertaking, branch of activity or region, or at a national level, were not to apply to nationals of the other member states.

The same principle applied to clauses contained in the regulations of sporting associations which restricted the right of nationals of other member states to take part, as professional players, in football matches: see *Dond*, paragraph 19.

The fact that those clauses concerned not the employment of such players, on which there was no restriction, but the extent to which their clubs could field them in official matches, was irrelevant; in so far as participation in such matches was the essential purpose of a professional player's activity, a rule which restricted that participation obviously also restricted the chances of employment of the player concerned.

The existence of an obstacle having thus been established, there remained the question whether that obstacle could be justified in the light of article 48.

In *Dond*, paragraphs 14-15, the court had held that the Treaty provisions concerning freedom of movement for persons did not prevent the adoption of rules or practices excluding foreign players from certain matches for reasons which were not of an economic nature, which related to the particular nature and context of such matches and were thus of sporting interest only, such as, for example, matches between national teams from different countries. It stressed, however, that that restriction on the scope of the provisions in question must remain limited to its proper objective.

In the present case, the nationality clauses did not concern specific matches between teams representing their countries but applied to all official matches between clubs and thus to the essence of the activity of professional players.

In those circumstances, the nationality clauses could not be deemed to be in accordance with article 48 of the Treaty, as otherwise that article would be deprived of its practical effect and the fundamental right of free access to employment which the Treaty conferred individually on each worker in the Community rendered nugatory.

None of the arguments put forward by the sporting associations and the governments which had submitted observations, which the court considered, detracted from that conclusion.

Inter alia, although it had been argued that the nationality clauses prevented the richest clubs from engaging the best foreign players, those clauses were not sufficient to achieve the aim of maintaining a competitive balance, since there were no rules limiting the possibility for such clubs to recruit the best national players, thus undermining that balance to just the same extent.

3 For reasons given by it, the court held that there should be a temporal limitation of the effects of its judgment in relation to transfer fees.

As to nationality clauses: in the light of the *Walrave* and *Dond* judgments, it was not reasonable for those concerned to consider that the discrimination resulting from nationality clauses was compatible with article 48 of the Treaty, so that there were no grounds for a temporal limitation in that regard.

On those grounds, the European Court of Justice ruled:

1 Article 48 of the EC Treaty precluded the application of rules laid down by sporting associations, under which a professional footballer who was a national of one member state could not, on the expiry of his contract with a club, be employed by a club of another member state unless the latter club had paid to the former club a transfer, training or development fee.

2 Article 48 precluded the application of rules laid down by sporting associations under which, in matches in competitions which they organised, football clubs could field only a limited number of professional players who were nationals of other member states.

3 The direct effect of article 48 could not be relied on in support of claims relating to a fee in respect of transfer, training or development which had already been paid on, or was still payable under an obligation which arose before the date of the present judgment, except by those who had brought court proceedings or raised an equivalent claim under the applicable national law before that date.

Meaning of 'establishment' for redundancies

Rockfon A/S v Specialarbejderforbundet i Danmark, acting on behalf of Nielsen and Others
Case C-449/93

The term "establishment" in article 1(1)(a) of Council Directive 75/129/EEC of February 17, 1975 (OJ 1975 L48/29) relating to collective redundancies meant, depending on the circumstances, the unit to which workers made redundant were assigned to carry out their duties, and it was not essential, in order for there to be an "establishment", that the unit had a management which could effect collective redundancies independently of other units in a group of companies.

The First Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held, inter alia, on December 7 when answering a question referred for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Ostre Landsret (Eastern Regional Court), Denmark, by order of November 16, 1993, in proceedings concerning a claim for compensation by employees dismissed by Rockfon A/S, a company in a group.

By internal instructions in the group, any decisions on dismissals of Rockfon employees had to be taken in consultation with the personnel department of another company in the group. It was not disputed that in the event Rockfon on its own was an "establishment" coming within the directive under article 1(1)(a) having regard to the number of employees dismissed, there had been a breach of the obligations on employers imposed by the directive.

The court said that the meaning of "establishment" was to be assessed having regard to the objective of the directive, namely the protection of workers in the event of collective redundancies, and if a company such as Rockfon were held not to be an "establishment", that would allow companies belonging to the same group to try to make it more difficult for the directive to apply to them by conferring on a separate decision-making body the power to take redundancy decisions.

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Journalists are often blamed for whipping up public fears but statisticians could help by making their figures more accessible

The chances are we won't understand

BRENDA MADDOX

TEACH MORALS in school? Teach probabilities instead. The country is in a sad state indeed when people worry more about terrorist attacks than accidents in the home. According to last week's Home Office figures, 12 per cent of the public in England and Wales fear terrorism, yet only 11 per cent fear the ordinary domestic disasters that send nearly 2.5 million a year to hospital.

Innumeracy is rife. *Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.* The trouble for those of us for whom figures do not carry anything like the meaning of words is that the news is increasingly a matter of numbers, many representing risks to life and limb.

What are the chances of being mugged? Raped? Burgled? Of catching meningitis? Of dying from vaccination? Of having a normal baby? Of getting breast cancer from the hormone replacement that decreases the risk of heart disease and broken bones?

Travel too presents statistical torment, starting with comparative fares. Rail or air? Coach or car? Which airline? People who are really nervous might worry whether they should ever go to San Francisco. There are calculable odds on being there the day the "big one" strikes.

Press and broadcasters are often blamed for exacerbating the fear of disaster. A 1989 Home Office committee led by Michael Grade proposed that the media strive for more balance to put the real dangers of crime into better perspective. Yet there are limits; good news is no news. Planes that land on time, hitch-hikers who get safely to their destinations are not the stuff of headlines.

Last week's Home Office study absolves the media from major blame for stirring up anxiety about crime. The disproportionate fear of certain crimes, it says, *arises from an individual's sense of personal vulnerability.* The *fears of those greatly worried* about burglary, the report claims, have not been stirred by the tabloid press but rather by where they live and whether they or their neighbours have been burgled.

Most of us want to be realistic about life's dangers but we are not helped by the way they are presented from on high. The Department of Health recently demonstrated how not to do it. It sent a warning to doctors about certain oral contraceptives. When the news got into the press and panic developed, women were told they should consult their doctors if they were worried.

Of course, many didn't. Some simply stopped taking their pills. One consequence is said to be a rise in pregnancies among unmarried teenagers. How much better if the fear had been anticipated and the news had been given out publicly, preceded by a health warning: the risk of thrombosis from pregnancy is greater than that from any oral contraceptive. Most of us, says the British Medical Association, consider a one-in-a-million risk not worth bothering about. This useful measure ought to be applied whenever possible. All medical news stories should be balanced by illustrations of the chances of encountering the hazard in question.

The Department of Transport is good at these. It lists the comparative risks of various modes of travel by the amount of time you have to travel in order to have a one-in-a-million chance of being killed: rail, 20 hours; car, 7 hours; bicycle 1 hour 40 minutes; and motorbike, 20 minutes. That's what I call useful.

THE SMALLEST risk presented by Sir Christopher Bland's appointment as chairman of the BBC is the one most feared: political impartiality. Sir Christopher may be a committed Tory but he is above all a high-principled, steely businessman who knows how to do the job in hand. Sworn to respect the BBC's impartiality, he will do it.

Whether his closeness to the John Birt, the Director-General, is to the BBC's advantage is another matter. There is a natural antagonism between the corporate roles of chairman and chief executive to which friendship could add either over-cosiness or stress.

Birt already knows Sir Christopher as a man who can say no. When Birt resigned from LWT to join the BBC, he asked Bland, then LWT's chairman, if he could keep his share options. Bland refused, saying, in effect, you can have money or glory, but you can't have both. But Bland, multimillionaire, chairman of the BBC, now has both, plus a knighthood he won as chairman of the Hammersmith Hospitals Trust.

What is certain is that Sir Christopher knows the business of television and its regulation inside out and he will confidently steer the BBC through the shoals ahead: renegotiating the level of the licence fee, appointing (or reappointing) a new Director-General and solving the sports-and-satellites problem. It is less sure whether he will restore the BBC's staff morale. I once got into a casual disagreement with him and wished I hadn't.

For media sociologists, a larger question remains. Why are LWT men running the BBC? Don't forget that Melvyn Bragg, holding forth on the BBC every Monday morning, is still at LWT. One theory is that LWT had to fight so hard every weekend against the BBC that it developed the most aggressive executives in ITV. If so, Sir Christopher is all the more ideal for the job. Pity about the way he was appointed, though.

While Eddy Shah was depicted as an ogre by *Spitting Image* for trying to start a non-union newspaper, Murdoch moved his newspapers to Wapping, bypassing the unions and sparking nightly clashes between pickets and police

Wapping saved the newspaper industry

It is ten years since Rupert Murdoch set out to break the stranglehold of the print unions. **Andrew Knight** assesses the impact for editors and readers

Ten years ago an upheaval began in the newspaper industry whose results today 1 wholly normal. When measure the change that taken place since the oil at Wapping, however, startling.

ke this nearest example in your hand: *The Times* ead in 1996 contains twice any pages as *The Times* may have read before ping — twice as many : news pages, twice as sports pages, three as many arts pages, two- more overseas and busi- pages, plus pages of study opic articles which just ot exist at all in those welling days. Much the can be said of most of imes's competitors.

the last ten years, the of a newspaper has risen ich less than the price of of milk or a Mars Bar. uality of the printing has ved immeasurably. Less ough some still) comes your hands. The stan- f typesetting (evenly set variations in font, para- setting and layout) has ed so much it is hard to any real comparison e newspapers from pre- ng days.

ally all of those mad- mis-spellings have vanished now that typesetting is in the hands of word-processing journalists rather than printers — remember when *The Guardian* used to be called *The Grauniad*.

In the process, journalists' salaries have soared. Along with newsprint, editorial costs now make up the bulk (as they ought to) of the newspaper budget. There are armies of expert outside contributors, where previously tiny platoons were retained. Before Wapping, most of the money went to printers, many of whom spent more deserving hours elsewhere than in Fleet Street or were entirely fictitious entries on a ledger designed to inflate the payroll.

Brenda Dean, the leader in 1986 of Fleet Street's largest print union, said "change cannot be stopped". Had Tony Dubbins and other unionists got their way in the 1980s, change would indeed have been halted long enough to kill several national newspapers, plus many more regional and local ones, and to outlaw many of the benefits to readers, writers and newspapers.

When Rupert Murdoch took his newspapers to Wapping, *The Mail on Sunday* was being published thanks only to the patrician vision and stubborn courage of its proprietor, Lord Rothermere. The *Telegraph* was effectively bankrupt and failing as a product. Both are now prime newspapers. Later that same year *The Independent* was to teach three slumbering broadsheets (the *Telegraph*, *Times* and *Guardian*) how to improve many aspects of their newspapers. Yet even *The Independent* would not have survived so long without Wapping.

Looking back, it is hard to credit some of the things that were said and done in Murdoch's tailwind. Some, like the *Telegraph*, could make much deeper cuts in its print staff even than at Wapping itself. For others, like *The Guardian*, the process took far longer thanks to ideological baggage. One boss at the *Financial Times* claimed fatuously to be doing "an anti-Wapping" when he sent so many of his printers down to a new Docklands plant so extravagant that the whole thing, and almost every job in it, later had to be abolished.

In typical English fashion, sentimentality thrived about union members who, for decades, had tried their damnedest to bleed an industry to death: an industry which, once saved from extinction, has now at last begun to proliferate new media ideas and jobs.

At the time, I was working for a rival of the Wapping newspapers, at the *Telegraph*. Many in the industry then were mesmerised by the threat from Eddy Shah, who was embarked on his brave attempt to start a new non-union newspaper. In Fleet Street, it was harder for a new voice like mine to persuade harassed managers and editors than the comfortable union bosses that "1986 will be the year of Murdoch not of Shah".

Despite a Vesuvial coming eruption, most of our Fleet Street managers wanted to close deals with union leaders immediately — deals which would have ruined us had they been signed. To change, Fleet Street management took far longer than it took to reform work practices on the shopfloor.

Wapping needs to be seen in a wider national context than the newspapers it affected so deeply. It was the last major, immensely courageous, event in the Thatcher revolution of the 1980s. A revolution which made British industry as a whole viable for the first time in my lifetime, competitive with even Japan, never mind France or Germany. A change which ended up reforming even the Labour Party (arguably Baroness Thatcher's largest inadvertent achievement, as improbable as her reintroduction of democracy to Latin America).

The great reckoning which came to British industry during the 1980s did not start with Wapping or end there. It began with the Grunwick dispute in the failing years of the awful 1970s. Once Thatcher's legislation was in place, the Grunwick baton was picked up by Eddy Shah at Warrington. Then the huge challenge of the miners' strike had to be dealt with on a national level. Finally, came Wapping.

Or, rather, not finally. The subsequent streamlining of British industry and commerce has been much quieter. It is silently allowing new forms of business to begin, while it upturns many others. It has been driven since Wapping by a growing understanding of what can be done creatively in homes and offices throughout the land by the intelligent use of the microchip. Next to this creativity, Wapping and what all of us in newspapers were involved in ten years ago frankly seem rather primitive. The fact remains that without Murdoch, and to a lesser extent the rest of us, the release would probably have been fatally delayed.

And what of papers in 2006? Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde's "change that cannot be stopped" will continue unabated. Media in Britain are far better off than in America or the Continent, where union restrictions anachronistically thrive. All newspapers, here and abroad, are now having to lead (or be led by) a new generation onto the Internet.

Newspapers are an intensely personal product: an editor and his staff at one end of a process trying to relay news and interest and entertainment over the breakfast table to his reader at the other end. Yet, thanks to an archaic delivery system (where the reader is charged extra for being a regular customer), the editor still does not know who his individual readers are. This will change as certainly as Fleet Street disappeared ten years ago.

Nor is there a good reason why the next generation of printing plants needs any longer to be conglomerated in London. The *Daily Mail* has recently started printing in Plymouth for its West Country readers. Many of the national newspapers have belatedly woken up to the foolishness of their earlier withdrawals from printing in Scotland.

Readers will require, and get, later and more local sport and other news printed closer to their home. Or, in many cases, printed *inside* their home. That will be the full nemesis of the print union. It was not visible in 1986.

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;romit to the rescue

THERE no end to the vements of Wallace and it, the plasticine cre- s of the Bristol-based any Aardman Anima-

only did the animated w cleaner and his e sidekick win BBC2's st audience in 1995, ting 10.62 million view- their new film, *A Close* , on Christmas Eve, lso topped the ratings the following week.

Our ratings chart for Christmas week shows that the intrepid duo's previous two films, *A Grand Day Out* and the Oscar-winning *The Wrong Trousers*, each attracted more than six million viewers, giving BBC2 a strong edge over Channel 4.

The figures helped BBC2 to increase its overall 1995 audience share to 11.2 per cent in 1995 to recapture the lead Channel 4 has held over it since 1993. Channel 4's audience share was 11 per cent last year.

The strong performance of Channel 4's televised version of the popular stage dance show, *Riverdance*, starring Michael Flatley and Jean Butler, shows just how infectious the Irish tunes, syncopated rhythms and sheer exuberance of the production — which began life as an interval filler for the Eurovision Song Contest — can be.

TOP TEN: BBC2 v CHANNEL 4

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ng Trousers	Wed 27/12	18.00	Aardman Animations	Animation	6.3
nd Of Music	Fri 29/12	17.15	20th Century Fox	Film	6.0
tacus	Sat 30/12	14.20	*Univ Pictures/Bryna Prods*	Film	5.2
stmas Shooting Stars	Fri 29/12	21.01	Channel X	Game Show	4.7
Trek	Wed 27/12	18.30	Paramount Pictures Corp	Drama Series	4.2
wing Me Knowing Yule	Fri 29/12	21.41	Talkback Productions	Comedy	3.8
ly Lads	Wed 27/12	21.00	BBC	Sit-com	3.5
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Why must the press depict everyone with mental illness as a crazed killer, asks **Ruth Runciman**

Tell the truth about Broadmoor

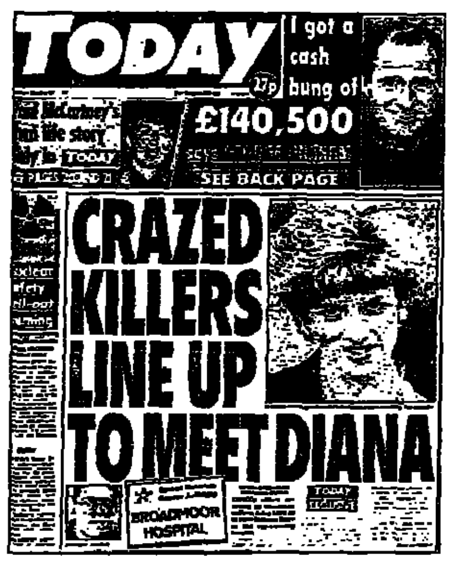
Broadmoor Hospital occupies a special place in the public's imagination. Everyone has heard of it, but not everyone will know that it is one of the NHS's three Special Hospitals, which provide care and treatment for patients defined as having "dangerous, violent or criminal propensities". And few will know that these hospitals also care for patients who suffer from severe learning disabilities, and that about a fifth of the patients have had nothing to do with crime.

I have visited Broadmoor several times since my appointment as chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission. Each time I am moved by the plight of its patients, by a sense of the tragedies that led to their detention, and by the skill and commitment of those who care for them.

With each visit too, I am increasingly aware of the gap between what I have seen and the picture painted for the public by the tabloid press. For them, the story of Broadmoor is the story of a few notorious killers, told in the most lurid language. Their information is often obtained by an invasion of privacy and trade in breaches of confidentiality, in an area where, by common agreement, adherence to the press's code of practice is particularly relevant in view of the powerlessness and vulnerability of the subjects.

The other two Special Hospitals, Ashworth and Rampton, suffer from much the same gap between what journalists write about them and what actually happens in them. Nowhere in my dismaying collection of recent press cuttings do I find a recognition, let alone an explanation, of the formidable tasks placed on these institutions in managing and treating some of the most difficult and mentally disordered patients, in conditions of high security, so as to achieve rehabilitation and change.

When Broadmoor introduced 24-hour care, an important but difficult advance allowing patients access to and from their rooms at all times, a tabloid heading ran: "Storm as Ripper is handed keys to own cell." One of the most consistent and distressing features of the mental illness of women patients in the Special Hospitals is self-injury. An inquest into the death of one of Ashworth's women patients after peritonitis from swallowing a ballpoint pen was reported under a caption: "Biro Sicko's a write-off." When the Princess of Wales interests herself in an area of deprivation or distress it usually confers greater public sympathy. When she visited Broadmoor to open a new unit a headline said: "Crazed killers line up to meet Diana."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BROADMOOR HOSPITAL

Typical sensational headlines when the Princess of Wales visited Broadmoor

The harm done by such coverage is unmistakable: it demoralises professionals, damages and confuses patients, and undermines public understanding. The only remedy open to the hospitals is to complain to the papers and the Press Complaints Commission.

Mostly, complaints are batted back vigorously by papers in the name of public interest. Formal adjudications by the PCC are rare and, when a complaint is upheld, the process has taken so long that the damage cannot be made good.

There is, of course, a legitimate public interest in work with patients, some of whom have committed serious offences and who may continue to pose a risk when, eventually, they return to the community. Moreover, there is always a risk of malpractice in closed institutions and outside scrutiny is in the interests of patients as much as the public.

But there is another sort of public interest at stake. It is in accurate and balanced information that allows proper judgments to be made. It is in not being frightened out of proportion to the facts.

Fear of crime has the advantage of making us more likely to take sensible precautions. But fear of people with mental illness only stunts our capacity to respond, and limits our ability to distinguish between the majority of seriously mentally ill people who pose no risk to others, and that small minority who do. That, in turn, inhibits the development of the policies, systems and services needed to deal with these different groups.

The press should move beyond the present system of reactive and complaints-driven self-regulation to recognise its responsibilities towards this wider definition of the public interest. There are any a number of ways that this could be done, but all of them would need the PCC to take on a more proactive role, and all would need the active support of the most powerful of its professional members. If the press could achieve greater moderation, accuracy and balance in its reporting of mental illness, it would be a major contribution to our ability to respond with imagination and confidence to what is one of the most serious private and public afflictions of modern life.

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NEWS

Terrorists hijack Black Sea ferry

■ Chechen rebels seized a Turkish ferry in the Black Sea port of Trabzon, killing one passenger and threatening to shoot all the Russians on board. The 20 Chechens armed with rifles took over 90 minutes before the ferry was to leave for Sochi.

The dramatic new confrontation with the Kremlin came as Russian special forces continued for the second day to try to free a hundred hostages held in southern Russia .. **Pages 1, 10**

TUC chief hails stakeholding

■ The leader of the trade union movement fuels the political dispute over Tony Blair's plans for a "stakeholder economy" by asserting that it will help the unions to rebuild their influence. John Monks, general secretary of the TUC, writes in *The Times* that independent unions are "the means for individuals to exercise their voices" .... **Page 1**

Stage language

Trevor Nunn, the theatre director, attacked Sir James Spooner, the Royal Opera House Opera Board chairman, for calling him a "bastard" during a television documentary .... **Page 1**

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A woman is suing a former publican claiming she suffered brain damage from lead poisoning after repeatedly drinking cider from a painted mug .... **Page 6**

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JUDA NGWENYA

President Nelson Mandela, in a cricket blazer, with Basil D'Oliveira after a lunch he held for the former England cricketer in Pretoria

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SIMON JENKINS

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ALAN COREN

Had the inspector taken his brain out of its box for long enough to make the simple phone call to Lego which mine has just done, he would have discovered that Lego do not manufacture little black men. Nor do they manufacture little Bengali men, or little Moroccan men, or little Filipino men, or little Jewish men, or little Seventh Day Adventist men .... **Page 16**

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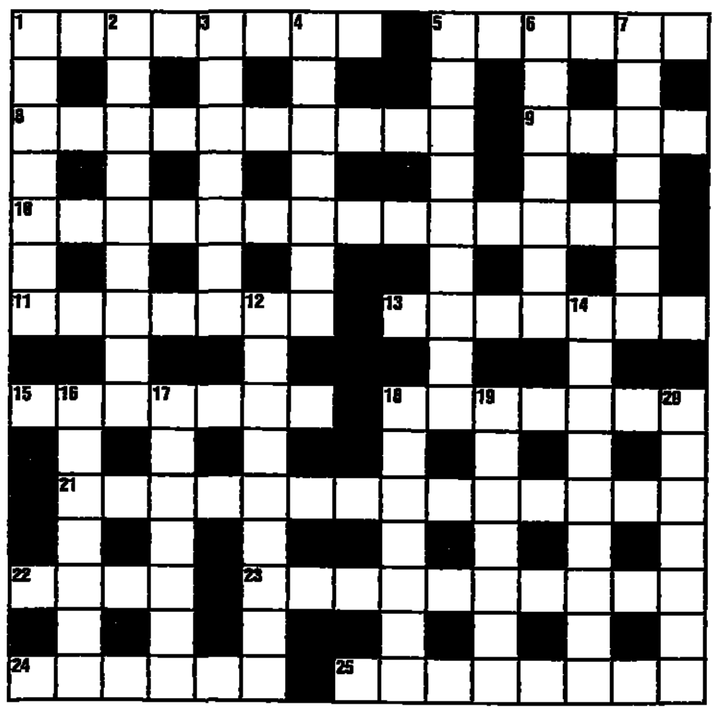

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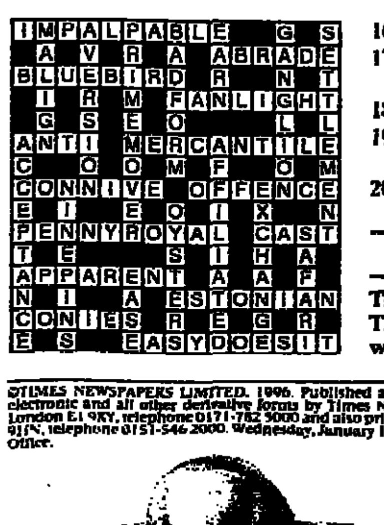

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Sun rises: 7.59 am
Sun sets: 4.23 pm
Moon sets 1.30 pm
Moon rises 4.28 am

New Moon January 20
London 4.23 pm to 7.58 am
Bristol 4.33 pm to 3.07 am
Edinburgh 4.14 pm to 8.31 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 8.15 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 8.13 am

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FORECAST

☐ England and Wales will start rather grey, and fog will be slow to clear inland. Some areas will see a little hazy sunshine by the afternoon but much of northern and eastern England is expected to stay foggy and overcast all day. Western fringes will be cloudy but with isolated mist patches over high ground.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly dry but rather cloudy with the best of any bright spells in the east. The far northwest of Scotland will have light rain or drizzle, mainly along the coast.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S England, Ch'l Is:** mist, fog, some patches clearing to leave hazy sunshine. Fog later. Wind v. light, SE. Mild in the bright spells. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, E, NW, Cent N, NE England, Lakes, Borders:** dull, foggy, few bright spells. Widespread fog after dark. Wind light S to SE. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **SW England, Wales, IoM:** cloudy, misty; fog on hills. Some bright spells. Wind light to moderate S. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **E'burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** rather cloudy; bright spells. Mainly dry. Wind light to moderate S. Mild. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with intermittent rain. Wind moderate to fresh S. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** mist and fog will linger and the west will have some showers.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	8	46	c
Anglesey	-	0.01	10	50	c
Aspatria	-	0.09	10	50	du
Aviemore	-	0.02	7	45	r
Belfast	-	-	10	50	du
Birmingham	-	-	8	46	fg
Bognor R	5.0	-	10	50	s
Bournem'th	X	-	10	50	fg
Bristol	-	-	9	48	fg
Buxton	1.1	-	7	45	b
Cardiff	-	-	7	45	fg
Clacton	5.0	0.01	7	45	s
Cromer	-	-	8	46	fg
Doncaster	X				
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	5.3	-	11	52	b
Edinburgh	-	-	8	46	du
Eskdalemuir	-	0.07	8	46	r
Exmouth	-	-	9	48	fg
Falmouth	0.2	-	11	52	du
Fishguard	-	-	8	46	fg
Folkestone	4.7	-	10	50	s
Glasgow	-	0.02	9	48	r
Guernsey	6.3	-	13	55	s
Hastings	4.6	-	10	50	s
Hayling I.	4.8	-	11	52	s
Herne Bay	4.1	-	10	50	s
Hove	4.1	-	12	54	b
Hunstanton	-	-	7	45	fg
Ilfracombe	2.0	-	12	54	b
Isle of Man	-	-	10	50	du
Jersey	7.7	-	12	54	s
Kinloss	-	-	9	48	c
Leeds	-	-	7	45	fg
Lerwick	0.5	0.02	8	46	sh
Leuchars	-	-	7	45	du
Littlehmptn	4.4	-	11	52	b
Liverpool	-	-	6	43	fg
London	4.2	-	12	54	b
Lowestoft	X				
Manchester	-	-	7	45	fg
Margate	4.7	-	11	52	s
Minehead	2.8	-	9	48	fg
Morecambe	-	-	8	46	fg
Newcastle	-	-	8	46	du
Newquay	0.5	-	10	50	c
Norwich	-	-	7	45	fg
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	-	-	7	45	fg
Penzance	-	-	11	52	fg
Plymouth	X				
Poole	-	-	10	50	c
Prestatyn	X	-	9	48	s
Ross-o-wye	-	-	9	48	fg
Sandown	4.2	-	11	52	b
Saunton Snd	-	-	9	48	c
Scarboro'	X				
Shanklin	2.8	-	11	52	s
Shrewsbury	-	-	7	45	fg
Skegness	-	-	7	45	fg
Southend	3.1	X	7	45	b
Southport	-	-	7	45	fg
Southsea	3.6	-	11	52	s
Stornoway	0.1	0.01	9	48	r
Swanage	-	-	9	48	fg
Teignmouth	-	-	9	48	fg
Tenby	X				
Tiree	X	0.28	X	X	X
Torquay	-	-	10	50	c
Tynemouth	X				-
Ventnor	5.6	-	12	54	s
Weymouth	0.1	-	9	48	fg

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	f
Akrotiri	12	54	c
Alex'dria	17	63	f
Algiers	19	66	s
Amst'dm	5	41	s
Athens	6	43	f
B Aires	X		
Bahrain	17	63	s
Bangkok	30	86	c
Barbados	X-		
Barcelona	14	57	c
Beirut	16	61	f
Belgrade	-1	30	f
Berlin	-1	30	c
Bermuda	18	64	c
Biarritz	15	59	s
Borde'x	12	54	c
Brussels	10	50	f
Budapst	0	32	s
Cairo	16	61	f
Cape Tn	28	82	s
Ch'church	17	63	c
Chicago	-5	23	c
Cologne	2	36	c
Corfu	10	50	f
C'phagn	-1	30	c
Dublin	9	48	s
Dubrovnik	7	45	s
Faro	15	59	s
Florence	11	52	s
Frankfurt	1	34	c
Funchal	14	57	r
Geneva	3	37	c
Gibraltar	17	63	c
Helsinki	0	32	c
Hong K	18	64	c
Innsbrck	4	39	s
Istanbul	2	36	sn
Jeddah	24	75	c
Jo'burg	26	79	f
Karachi	20	68	s
L Angels	17	63	s
L Palmas	19	66	f
Le Toquet	8	46	s
Lisbon	14	57	s
Locarno	7	45	s
Luxembg	-1	30	fg
Luxor	21	70	s
Madrid	12	54	s
Majorca	17	63	f
Malaga	16	61	f
Malta	14	57	c
Melb'rne	19	66	c
Mexico C	19	66	s
Miami	23	73	c
Milan	3	37	fg
Montreal	-18	0	X
Moscow	-5	23	f
Munich	-2	28	d
N Delhi	18	64	f
N York	4	39	s
Nairobi	28	82	f
Naples	11	52	s
Nice	12	54	f
Oslo	0	32	c
Paris	7	45	s
Peking	-3	27	s
Perth	35	95	s
Prague	-3	27	c
Reykjavik	5	41	r
Rhodes	10	50	f
Rio de J	31	88	s
Riyadh	19	66	s
Rome	10	50	s
S Fr'isco	10	50	r
S Paulo	23	73	c
Salzburg	-2	28	c
Santiago	28	82	s
Seoul	-3	27	s
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	-2	28	fg
Strasb'rg	1	34	fg
Sydney	21	70	c
Tangier	16	61	f
Tel Aviv	15	59	f
Tenerife	20	68	s
Tokyo	15	59	c
Toronto	-15	5	s
Tunis	16	61	f
Valencia	16	61	c
Vanc'ver	9	48	r
Venice	6	43	s
Vienna	-3	27	sn
Warsaw	-4	25	s
Wash'ton	8	46	s
Wel'ngton	16	61	c
Zurich	0	32	c

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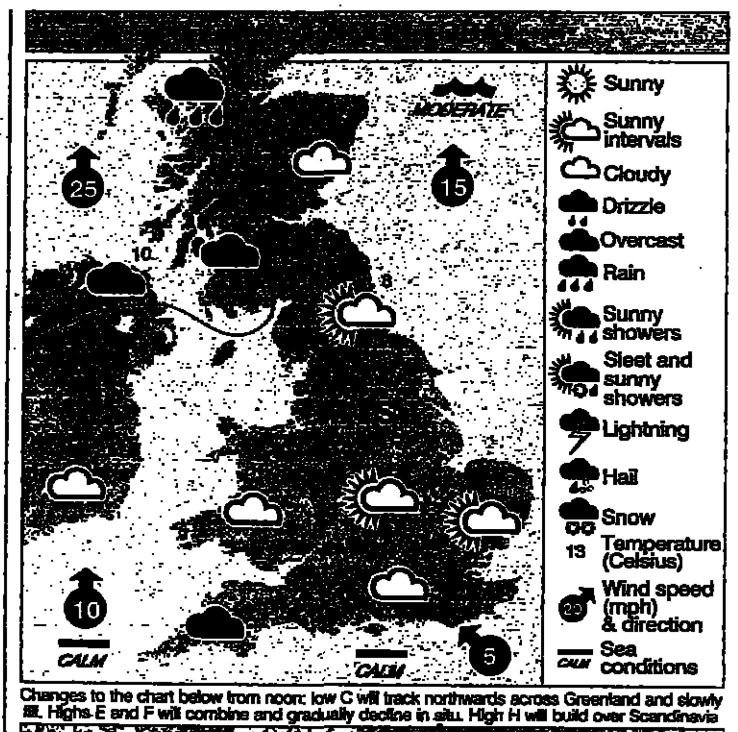

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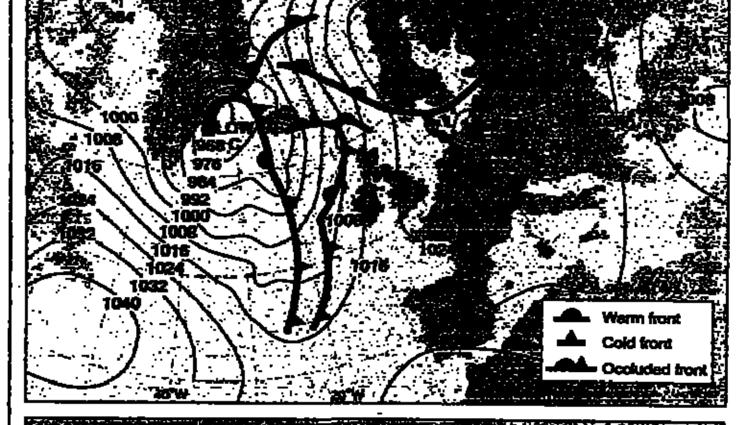

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10:20	6.2	11:02	6.5
Aberdeen	10:14	3.8	10:45	4.0
Avonmouth	3:35	11.0	4:14	11.4
Belfast	7:52	3.1	8:18	3.3
Cardiff	3:33	10.5	4:04	10.3
Devonport	2:06	4.7	2:40	4.8
Dover	7:46	5.9	8:24	5.9
Dublin (N.Wall)	8:25	3.7	8:56	3.8
Falmouth	1:36	4.4	2:11	4.6
Greenock	9:31	3.0	9:41	3.1
Harwich	8:11	3.4	8:49	3.6
Holyhead	7:12	5.0	7:40	5.1
Hull (Albert D)	2:35	6.4	3:20	6.6
Ilfracombe	2:29	7.9	3:02	8.1
King's Lynn	3:01	5.7	3:34	5.8
Leith	11:22	4.9	11:55	5.0
Liverpool	7:56	8.3	8:23	8.6
Lowestoft	5:47	2.3	6:42	2.3
Margate	8:27	4.2	9:11	4.2
Milford Haven	2:47	5.8	3:20	6.0
Newquay	1:52	5.7	2:23	5.9
Oban	2:51	3.3	3:14	3.5
Penzance	1:13	4.7	1:44	4.9
Portland	3:05	1.6	3:30	1.8
Portsmouth	7:59	4.4	8:34	4.3
Shoreham	7:55	5.4	8:33	5.4
Southampton	7:22	4.2	8:00	4.1
Swansea	2:50	7.9	3:21	8.2
Tees	0:08	4.6	12:45	4.7
Walton-on-Naze	8:11	3.6	8:48	3.7

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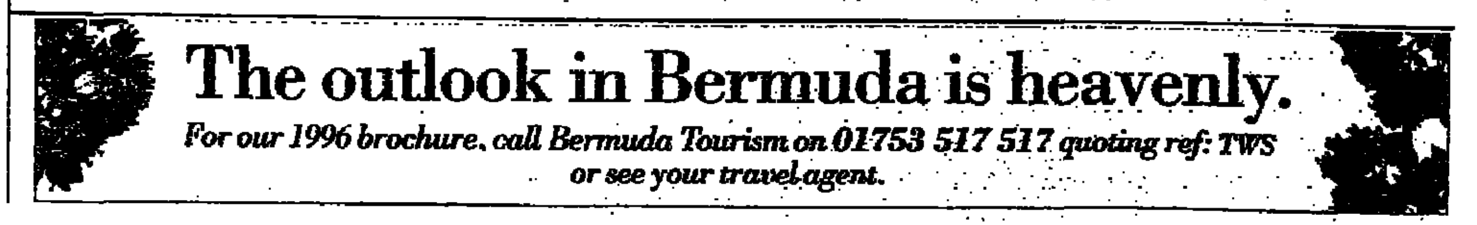
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Dishforth, North Yorkshire, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Tiree, and Oransay, Hebrides, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 7.7hr.



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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17 1996

S&N sheds 1,600 jobs after Courage acquisition

By Christine Buckley

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE, Britain's biggest brewer, is shedding 1,600 jobs at its beer division in a radical restructuring that *follows* the group's acquisition of Courage last year. The jobs will be lost from the closure of two breweries, in Halifax and Nottingham, and 13 depots nationwide and through measures designed to merge the companies fully and to reduce brewing capacity. The brewing division workforce will shrink by more than 20 per cent.

The move was attacked by union leaders and the Labour Party. Brian Revell, the Transport and General Workers Union's national secretary for the drinks industry, said: "The industry is still adjusting to the ill-conceived Monopoly and Merger Commission report *The Supply of Beer*, which has created a concentration in the industry. Many thousands of jobs have already been lost through this MMC report."

Ian McCartney, Shadow Employment Minister, said: "Only yesterday, the Government's over-optimistic forecasts on the economy were severely criticised by an all-party committee of MPs. Today's announcement shows how out of touch the Government's rose-tinted propaganda really is from the reality of insecure Britain."

Details are still being finalised and Scottish Courage, the newly created beer division of S&N, said that the job cuts would be made over the next 12 months. The restructuring programme, which follows a six-month review of the business, will cost £150 million in severance payments and other expenses. The company said that the measures would yield annual savings of £75 million. It is not clear yet how many of the job cuts will be forced.

Guy Dickson, chairman of Scottish Courage, said: "Our review has highlighted the need and opportunity for us to achieve a more streamlined structure." Home Brewery in Nottingham will shut by August and Fountain Head Brewery in Halifax by October. Throughout the year there will also be closures of the distribution and sales depots at Stepps in Strathclyde, Garforth near Leeds; Gateshead, Nottingham, Preston, Aylesford, Swansea, Dunstable, Cardiff, Southampton and Merton. Further depot casualties will come from the amalgamation of three London centres and the replacement of Brierley Hill in the West Midlands. S&N is to pull together its trading operations in the new division of Scottish Courage Brands.

The rationalisation by S&N was announced by the company when it took over Courage. At the time, it said how much it intended to spend but was quiet on how the restructuring would be achieved.

The City will now focus on how S&N shapes its post-Courage strategy. Matthew Naylor, drinks analyst with Williams de Broe, said: "The cost-cutting was necessary but the company cannot continue slicing at costs. Expectations will be on what new products it can develop. That is the only opportunity to grow the business."

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Granada raid grabs 9% of Forte

By Eric Reguly

GRANADA snapped up £340 million of Forte shares in a 30-minute stock market raid yesterday and said the speed of the purchases indicated that the takeover bid was going in its favour.

Granada, whose £3.8 billion hostile bid closes on Tuesday, *bought 87.5 million Forte* shares, equivalent to 9.2 per cent of the share capital, at 384p apiece. The price was the same as the value of its shares and cash offer at the time of the purchases, which occurred between between 10.45am and 11.15am. The all-cash alternative is worth 362p.

Under Takeover Code rules, it could have bought up to 9.9 per cent as long as the purchases were not made at prices above its shares-and-cash alternative. Granada said that its brokers, BZW and Hoare Govett, buying on behalf of a Granada subsidiary called Allquiet Trading, stopped short in order to give it the flexibility to buy more shares before Tuesday.

Forte, however, said that its own brokers believe that Granada was unable to find enough sellers to take it up to the limit. A spokesman said: "*This says the institutions* weren't tripping over themselves to sell. We are most encouraged by this."

Forte shares ended at 380½, up 14½p, while Granada shares finished at 693p, up 23p.

The identity of the sellers is unknown, although some were said to be market-makers. The names of the institutions which sold 1 per cent or more of Forte's shares will be *revealed today in so-called* Rule 8 disclosures. Mercury Asset Management, Forte's largest shareholder with more than 15 per cent, would not comment on whether it had sold Forte shares yesterday.

A Granada adviser called Granada's open-market raid "a very good sign" but Forte remained defiant. Sir Rocco Forte, chief executive, said: "We remain confident that Forte shareholders will decide this on the merits and will reject this highly leveraged conglomerate bid."

In another development, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said he intends to refer Granada's proposed purchase of Forte to the Mergers and Monopolies Commission unless it promises to sell a significant number of motorway service operations. Mr Lang notes that a Granada merger with Forte would "create a dominant position in the provision of motorway service areas".

Granada said when it launched its bid in November that it would sell Forte's 26 Welcome Break motorway sites to avoid an MMC referral. Mr Lang has asked the Director-General of Fair Trading to ensure that Granada sells the sites within 15 months.

It is likely that Granada has already found potential buyers for the Welcome Breaks as well as the luxury Meridien and Exclusive hotel chains. An announcement about their possible buyers could come this month. Selling Forte's 68 per cent interest in the Savoy Hotel group would be more difficult because the Wontner family and the charitable trusts have voting control and do not appear willing to sacrifice it cheaply.

Forte yesterday confirmed *that John Hoerner, chief executive of the Burton Group, will* join the board as a non-executive director next month if Granada's bid fails. It intends to appoint another non-executive director.

ANDRE CAMARA

Sir Anthony Tennant, Forte's chairman elect, left, with Burton's John Hoerner

City scents another cut

THE FT-SE 100 index climbed above 3,700 and gilts scored gains of about £¾ as City hopes rose sharply on the prospect of another interest rate cut (writes Michael Clark).

The equity market shrugged off an overnight fall on Wall Street to close at its best of the day with a rise of 47.9 to 3,710.6. It was the market's best one-day performance for three months and leaves it just 18 points shy of its record.

Brokers were hopeful that today's meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, will pave the way for a rate cut.

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SIB accused of weak stance in pension scandal

By Robert Miller

A PROGRESS report by the City's most senior watchdog on the £4 billion personal pensions mis-selling review has been greeted with dismay.

Consumer bodies, unions and MPs united yesterday to condemn the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) for its failure to inflict tougher disciplinary measures on firms and advisers who have missed case review and compensation deadlines.

Nearly 1.5 million cases will have to be reviewed for evidence that investors were wrongly advised to leave their occupational or company pension scheme, or not join in the first place, in favour of a *personal pension plan. But up* to 250,000 investors, who include nurses, miners, local authority workers and police officers, have not received letters from their independent financial adviser (IFA) alerting them to the review.

Kate Scribbens of the Consumers' Association said: "The most urgent cases should have been resolved by the end of 1995. Yet most IFAs have not even started the process. We are particularly concerned by the watering down of the review process that will be carried out by IFAs. This appears to be a climbdown by the regulators and a victory for vested interests."

Ms Scribbens added: "We want to see the SIB forcing the pace by ensuring that the next deadlines are met, and cracking down on companies who are dragging their feet."

Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the SIB, said that teething problems last year, such as several legal challenges to the review and computer software problems, had now been ironed out. While some companies had done their best to comply with the review and compensation process, others were dragging their heels.

Sir Andrew said any com*pany guilty of obstructing the* review could face disciplinary action. This might involve hefty fines or even expulsion from the industry.

Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, said: "Blaming the delays on computer software isn't good enough. The regulators must . . . act for the public good."

John Monks, TUC general secretary, said: "Some companies have made genuine efforts to compensate those ripped off, but too many are way behind schedule. It is now time for the regulator to crack the whip."

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3710.6	(+47.9)
Yield	3.87%	
FT-SE A All share	1814.04	(+18.78)
Nikkei	20567.07	(+279.65)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5049.56	(+5.78)*
S&P Composite	601.98	(+2.16)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 11/16%*	(unq)
Long Bond	110 9/16*	(...)
Yield	6.11%*	(...)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 5/16%	(6 7/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	111 29/32	(111 1/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5378*	(1.5447)
London:		
$	1.5375	(1.5461)
DM	2.2436	(2.2376)
FFr	7.6700	(7.6660)
SFr	1.8058	(1.8029)
Yen	162.53	(162.38)
£ Index	83.4	(83.4)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4591*	(1.4495)
FFr	4.9895*	(4.9625)
SFr	1.1750*	(1.1655)
Yen	105.85*	(105.28)
$ Index	95.2	(94.8)

Tokyo close Yen 105.60

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar)	$17.10	($16.95)

GOLD

London close	$397.00	($395.20)

* denotes midday trading price

Coe faces Rom Data questions

Sebastian Coe, the athlete turned Conservative MP, and David Jamieson, Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport, are expected to be questioned by police next week over the collapse of Rom Data Corporation of Falmouth, the computer firm that received *an £850,000 grant from the* DTI. Mr Jamieson, who has followed the Rom Data case since its collapse, said that he and Mr Coe expected to be asked to tell police what they know of the circumstances surrounding the collapse.

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Peoples Phone postpones planned £200m flotation

By George Sivell

PEOPLES PHONE, Britain's largest independent mobile-phone service provider, yesterday postponed a flotation planned for next month that was expected to have valued it at about £200 million.

Directors yesterday blamed trading conditions in the UK mobile-phone market for the decision. They said the market had failed to live up to expecta*tions in the run-up to Christ*mas and this affected sentiment towards the company. It claimed 7 per cent of the market of 5 million subscribers.

Peoples Phone said its market share in December was below internal forecasts and this is likely to have continued into January because of competition from other retailers.

The company, however, expressed confidence about the medium and long term saying that growth in the UK mobile-phone market is expected to continue. Peoples Phone has a nationwide chain of 175 showrooms and claims more than 365,000 *customers*.

Existing backers include Singer & Friedlander, the investment bank, and the Ivory & Sime fund-management group. Tony Solomons, Singer & Friedlander's chairman, chairs the company. Peoples Phone was founded in 1988 by Charles Wigoder, now its chief executive.

The company planned to increase its showrooms to 250 within two years. Sales rose from £43.8 million in 1992 to £118.5 million in 1994 and were expected to double by 1998. The high cost of taking on new subscribers meant, however, that the group was expected to have shown a loss in its prospectus before an expected recovery to profits of almost £4 million in 1995-96. The group hoped for profits of £26 million in 1998.

Banks call for clear policy on 'Euro'

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BRITISH banks are finding it impossible to *plan for the arrival of the new* "Euro" because of political indecision, according to senior bankers.

Gerald Hawkins, chairman of an industry committee working on the implications of the single currency and a general manager of payment services at Lloyds Bank, told a House of Lords committee that banks were "operating in a policy vacuum". Mr Hawkins is chairman of a joint British Bankers' Association (BBA) and Association for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs) steering committee on economic and monetary union (EMU).

A BBA paper on single currency *estimated that British banks* would have to spend at least £914 million to prepare for the Euro if Britain opts into the single currency, but less than half that amount if it opted out.

The paper was given to the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities as part of its inquiry on Emu.

Mr Hawkins said that bank boards were having to take decisions on spending without knowing what sort of preparations for a single currency they needed to make. He said political and Bank of England leadership was needed to confront the problem; it should not be left to the banks.

Under the current timetable, full monetary union is due to be achieved in 2002. However, Britain can opt out of single currency under an agreement in the Maastricht treaty.

Mr Hawkins said: "In order to prepare ourselves for 2002, we are having to make quite large investment decisions in a scenario where it is quite unclear whether we are going to be in or out." He said the position of rival French and German banks was much clearer as they increasingly operate on a Europe-wide basis and "operate in a much clearer policy position".

Afterwards he said: "We need to make the right moves now to make sure that London is not disadvantaged. In order to do that in a sensible way, we need decisions and support from the authorities."

Tim Sweeney, BBA director-general, said he was concerned that, if Britain opted out of a single currency, it could face discrimination in the European system by which banks settle transactions with each other.

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Virgin consortium on track for £3bn channel tunnel contract

Treasury backs L&CR rail link bid

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

TREASURY officials are pressing ministers to award the £3 billion Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) contract to London & Continental Railways (L&CR), the consortium that includes Virgin Group and National Express, the bus company.

They fear that the rapidly deteriorating financial performance of Eurostar is threatening the viability of the project, the biggest infrastructure scheme in the Government's Private Finance Initiative.

The group of senior civil servants and bankers advising the Government on awarding the contract believe that only L&CR has the necessary transport experience to turn struggling Eurostar into a profitable operation.

Eurorail, the only other consortium in the shortlist, which is led by Trafalgar House and BICC, is handicapped by having no specialist transport operators among its shareholders. A formal recommendation from the advisory group is due to be presented to Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, this week. He will make the final decision after securing agreement from Cabinet colleagues. A Commons statement announcing the award of the contract is planned for late January or early February.

Officials have been alarmed by the disastrous finances of European Passenger Services, the operator of Eurostar, which has seen its Government subsidy soar to more than £200 million over the past year. Original financial projections forecast that the Eurostar would by now be in profit and contributing to the cost of building the 68-mile rail link. As recently as November 1994, the loss for the current year was forecast at about £100 million, half the actual level.

The losses have been caused by massive shortfalls in the number of passengers using the train, which runs between Waterloo International and Brussels and Paris. Just over 3 million passengers travelled on Eurostar last year, its first full year of operation, compared with the 16 million forecast in 1987.

A projected 5.1 million are expected to use Eurostar this year, against a forecast of 10 million in December 1994. The latest estimates from EPS suggest that passenger numbers will rise to only 10 million by the end of the century. As well as undermining the financial case for the high speed link, the disappointing Eurostar numbers are crippling Eurotunnel's attempts to secure its financial future.

☐ Bidders were yesterday shortlisted for the next tranche of British Rail passenger franchises being offered to the private sector. Midland Main Line, InterCity East Coast, Gatwick Express and Network SouthCentral are expected to be awarded in April.

Barclays wins Barings deal on asset management

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

BARINGS is to close its custodian business in July and recommend that asset management clients representing assets worth £10 billion use Barclays Bank for global custody services instead.

A growing number of fund managers are seeking to hand over custodian services to a third party because of the growing need for economies of scale in global custody, a perceived need to concentrate on core business activities and as a result of the collapse of Barings last year.

Baring Asset Management ran into controversy after the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank, in February last year. Asset management clients had used Barings as their custodian and signed agreements with the bank allowing their cash to be placed on deposit there.

When the parent company collapsed, more than £600 million in asset management client cash was frozen, creating panic among clients.

Equity assets were ring-fenced and therefore protected from creditors.

Barings, which is now owned by ING, the Dutch banking group, is the first integrated house to use a third party for custodian services. Others are expected to follow after last week's award of Britain's biggest global custody contract by the Prudential, which appointed Midland Bank and Mellon Trust of the US to handle services for £45 billion of assets.

Kevin Lee, a director of Baring Asset Management, said the firm had recognised that it was unlikely to remain in custody services before the collapse of its parent. He said the main motivator was the additional expenditure required for the implementation of rolling settlement under Crest this summer.

He said he expected clients to take advantage of the agreement reached with Barclays as Barings will reduce its management fees by the amount the client pays to Barclays. It plans to complete the transfer of custody services by the middle of the year. Baring Asset Management has £25 billion under management.

Baring Asset Management started an independent review using Thomas Murray, the custody consultants, in July last year. It reviewed ten custodians before choosing to deal with Barclays.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.16	2.00
Austria Sch	16.81	15.31
Belgium Fr	49.20	44.90
Canada $	2.209	2.049
Cyprus Cyp£	0.748	0.693
Denmark Kr	9.30	8.50
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.70
France Fr	8.09	7.44
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.57	11.57
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.2100	4.5600
Italy Lira	2544.00	2389.00
Japan Yen	177.30	161.30
Malta	0.592	0.537
Netherlds Gld	2.669	2.439
New Zealand $	2.47	2.25
Norway Kr	10.44	9.64
Portugal Esc	244.00	225.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.37
Spain Pta	196.00	183.00
Sweden Kr	10.83	10.03
Switzerland Fr	1.94	1.76
Turkey Lira	refer	87874.0
USA $	1.640	1.510

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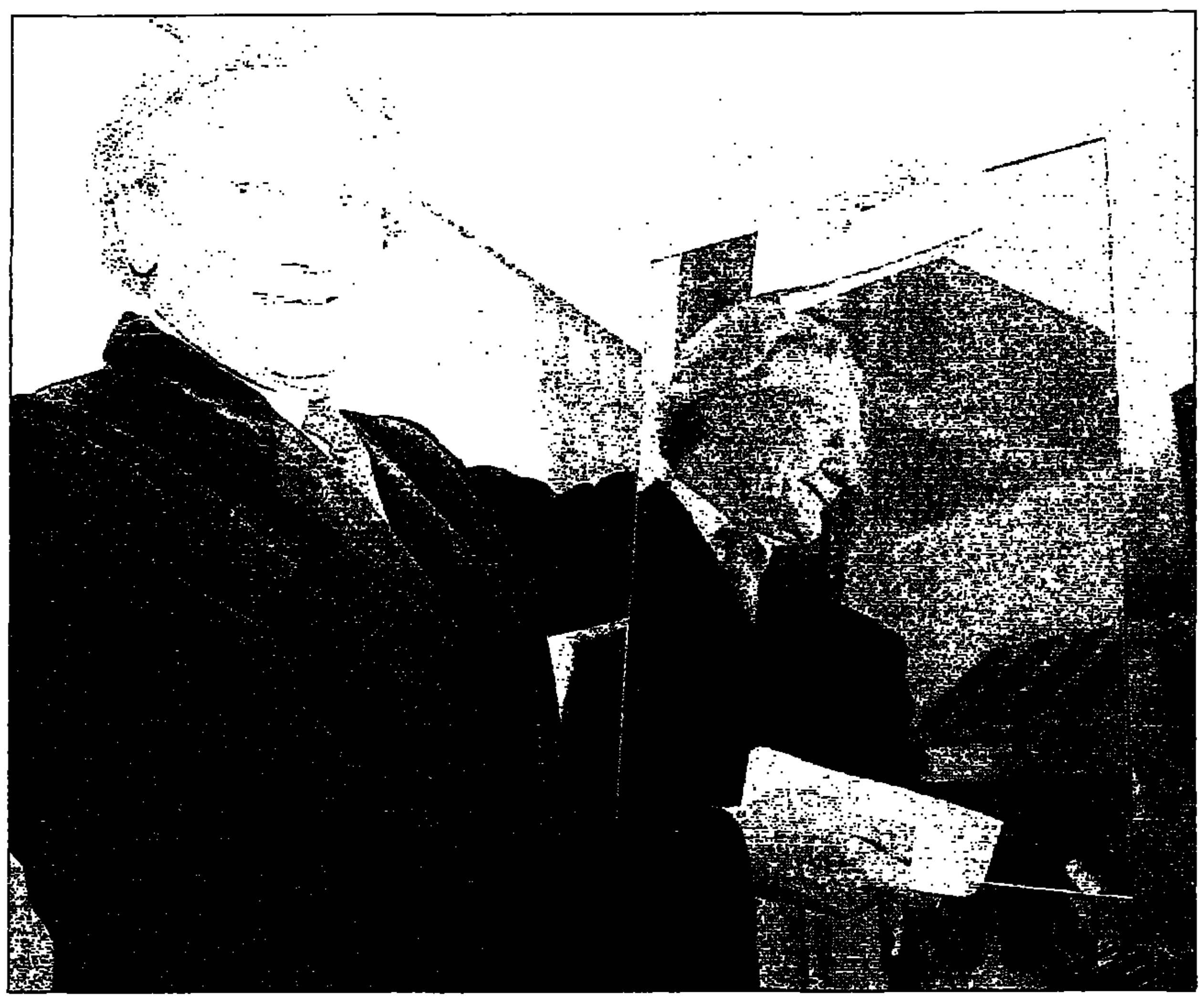

Michael Heseltine with the revolutionary glass at Pilkington where he announced unemployment figures

British Gas under pressure on servicing arrangements

By Christine Buckley

LABOUR yesterday demanded an inquiry into the failure of British Gas to offer non-contract service work to large parts of the country.

Nigel Griffiths, the Shadow Consumer Minister, said: "Many people simply cannot afford expensive maintenance contracts. The backlog is a result of axeing 25,000 jobs." Mr Griffiths urged Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister, to raise the issue with Ofgas, the gas industry regulator. He said: "Safeguards which Labour demanded during the 1995 Gas Act were rejected by Tim Eggar. Now millions of gas customers are facing the consequences."

Mr Griffiths said that the problems revealed by *The Times* reinforced complaints about servicing arrangements received by his office. British Gas yesterday said that the suspension of on-demand servicing and repairs applied only to pockets of the country and that the situation was changing daily. However, an inquiry to its office dealing with much of west London and outlying areas was again met with the response that the company is not taking non-contract work and is unlikely to have spare capacity until March.

While the company stressed its ability to respond to requests, only the previous day it had admitted that suspension of on-demand servicing had occurred on a number of occasions. Then the servicing department said: "Workload commitments in the winter have, for very many years, meant that from time to time, in some parts of the country, British Gas Service advises customers who do not have a service contract to contact an alternative Corgi-registered company. There is nothing new in this approach."

The Gas Consumers' Council is advising gas-users who cannot get quick service with British Gas to look elsewhere.

Heseltine marks visit with error

By George Sivell

MICHAEL HESELTINE, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday welcomed the 28th successive monthly fall in unemployment figures at a visit to the Pilkington Technology Centre at Lathom in Lancashire. However, the figures are not due to be announced until 9.30am today by the Central Statistical Office.

Economics announcements are regarded as price sensitive and are supposed to be kept secret until their release time.

Mr Heseltine was launching a mirror-making process but his error is likely to cause an outcry because economics announcements are regarded as highly price sensitive.

The new Pilkington mirror process enables a reflective surface to be put onto the glass as it is being made.

Pilkington has little involvement in the mirror market at present. It normally sends out the glass to be silvered by other suppliers.

Heseltine's gaffe, page 2

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Index points the way for Littlewoods

LITTLEWOODS, the pools to mail order company, yesterday revealed strong sales over Christmas, helped by a particulary strong performance by its Index catalogue shops. The company reiterated that profits for the year to December 30 would fail to match those achieved last year. The company said that sales in its UK retail divisions in the six weeks to December 30 rose 7.4 per cent. The Index catalogue shops lifted sales by 9.8 per cent, while the home shopping division lifted sales by 7 per cent and the chain stores lifted sales by 6.3 per cent.

Late last year, Littlewoods' owners, the Moores family, rejected two informal takeover approaches that valued the group at £1.1 billion. The shareholders rejected advances from Barry Dale, a former chief executive, and a consortium offer from N. Brown and Iceland, opting instead for a more orderly process for deciding the group's future ownership.

Welsh Water lifts stake

WELSH WATER, which is challenging Ian Byatt, the water regulator, over his demands for a separate listing of the water business after a planned merger with South Wales Electricity, now controls 59 per cent of its bid target. A decision on the bid by Welsh, which would create the country's second super-utility after North West Water and Norweb became United Utilities, is due from Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, by January 25. Swalec recommended the £872 million bid after protracted talks.

Microgen profits up 36%

MICROGEN Holdings, the specialist computer services company, reported a 36 per cent rise in profits to £8.4 million before tax in the year to October 31, on turnover of £69 million, up from £58.77 million. The company has lifted the total dividend to 7.5p a share from 7.25p, with a 5.2p final. Earnings rose to 14.8p a share from 10p. The shares advanced 13p to 191p. Microgen ended the year with net cash of £2 million, compared with borrowings of £2.4 million a year earlier, despite capital expenditure of £6 million.

McKechnie in US deal

McKECHNIE, the plastic and metals components group, continued its expansion into the US market with the purchase of Thompson, a wheel-trim manufacturer, for £32 million. The acquisition pleased the City and shares rose 8p to close at 421p. McKechnie has been reducing its reliance on the UK market. In November it bought Valley Todeco, the US company which makes parts for the aerospace industry, for £7.4 million. McKechnie said yesterday's purchase would open access to the US market and new technologies.

AT&T London move

AT&T, the US telephone company, has signed an interconnection agreement with City of London Telecommunications. Colt, as it is known, will provide AT&T with access to its fibre-optic network, which connects about 380 buildings in the City and Canary Wharf. The arrangement is non-exclus-ive: Colt also has interconnection agreements with BT, Mercury, Energis and others. BT also announced that it and International Telecom Japan, will jointly provide Concert network voice services in Japan from this summer.

Eleco rights issue

ELECO HOLDINGS, the structural and engineered products company, is raising £2.09 million through a rights issue to reduce borrowings and to fund development. Three new shares are being offered for every ten held at 28p each. Existing shares were unchanged at 31p yesterday. The company is raising a further £625,000 through the sale of surplus land, subject to planning permission. Shareholders were promised an interim dividend of 0.25p. Eleco reiterated its confidence for 1996 as a whole.

Siebe sells filters arm

SIEBE, the diversified engineering group, has sold its British Filters business to Quinton Hazell, the European subsidiary of America's Echlin, for £4.8 million. British Filters manufactures air, oil and fuel filters for the after-market and automotive industry and specialist filtration equipment for industrial uses. Separately, Siebe has named Stuart Amos as president and chief operating officer of its diversified products division. His appointment follows the death of Brian McMahon, who had held the post, in an air crash.

Matthew Clark buys

MATTHEW CLARK, the UK drinks company, has acquired Dunn & Moore, the Scottish delivered wholesale divisions of The Joseph Dunn Group, for up to £5.75 million. The business will be integrated with Matthew Clark's existing national wholesale division, Freetraders Group. In the year to March 31, Dunn & Moore generated a turnover of £27.5 million. Matthew Clark will pay an initial consideration of £3.75 million, with further deferred profit-related payments of up to £2 million over the period to April 2000.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR JUSTICES' ON LICENCE
TO: The Clerk to the Licensing Justices
for the Licensing District of Tunbridge Wells
and Cranbrook
TO: The Chief Constable of Kent
TO: The Proper Officer of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
TO: The Clerk of the Hawkhurst Parish Council
TO: The Chief Fire Officer, Kent County Council Fire Brigade

I, MARK RUSSELL REID, the Applicant, now residing at Tavern Farm, Wilden Park Road, Staplehurst, Kent having during the past six months (or the greater part thereof) carried on the trade or calling of a publican do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply to the Licensing Meeting for the District to be held at the Magistrates Court at Palace Avenue, Maidstone, Kent on the 2nd day of February 1996 at 10.30am for the grant to me of a Justices Licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption either on or off the premises situate at The Kent Cricketer, Moor Hill, Hawkhurst, Kent of which premises Scotlife Commercial (No. 1) Limited is the mortgagee in possession
Dated this 10th day
of January 1996
MESSRS BUSS MURTON
Solicitors for the Applicant
The Priory, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1JJ.
Ref: SJ/Reid

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Malcolm E Cork of MOORE STEPHENS BOOTH WHITE of 1 SNOW HILL, LONDON, EC1A 2EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 5th January 1996.

Creditors are required on or before 1st March 1996 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator, and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 10th of January 1996
Malcolm E Cork, (Liquidator)

The Insolvency Act 1986
LITHO LINK LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 2nd February 1996 at The Lion Hotel, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, SY1 1UY, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require
Dated 2nd day of January 1996.
By Order of the Board
J A BEBB, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 2nd January 1996
MP Dorrington, FIPA, Liquidator

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IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number 2748399 Trading Name: Atlantic Seafoods (Hull) Limited. Nature of Business: Wholesaler and processor of fish. Trade Classification: 12. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 9th January 1996 Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Burdale Acceptances Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: M J C Oldham & P S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 AND 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
WEST WICKHAM JOINERY LIMITED
Registered number 1278642. Trading name(s): Astral Window Systems. Nature of business: Manufacturers and installers of double glazing. Trade classification 24. Date of appointment of administrative receiver (s): 8/1/96. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver (s): The Co-Operative Bank Plc. William Scott MARTIN and DAVID JOHN PALLEN. Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no (s) 5514 & 5317) both of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road London SE1 7EU.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
NEILL CLARKE FINANCE LIMITED
Registered number 1308181 Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification 24. Date of appointment of administrative receiver (s). 8/1/96 Name of person appointing the administrative receiver (s): The Co-Operative Bank Plc. William Scott MARTIN and DAVID JOHN PALLEN Joint Administrative Receivers. (office holder no (s). 5514 & 5317) both of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
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Registered number: 1312777. Nature of business: Wholesaler of Double Glazed Windows. Trade classification. 24. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 8/1/96. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver (s): The Co-Operative Bank Plc. William Scott MARTIN and DAVID JOHN PALLEN. Joint Administrative Receivers: (office holder no (s): 5514 & 5317) both of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU.

NO. 006968 of 1996
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BETWEEN:
IN THE MATTER OF WORTH FINE FRAGRANCES PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 29th November 1995 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above named company by £1,084,738 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 8th December 1995.
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Hulton House
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Solicitors
for the above named Company

Duffield Girls' and Infants' Church of England School, Derbyshire
WHEREAS:-
1. By a Deed dated 12th March 1896 made between Rowland Smith, Frederick Chadfield Smith and William Towe (1) and the Vicar and Churchwardens of Duffield (2) the site and buildings, of what became known as the Duffield Infants' School was granted to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Duffield pursuant to Section 2 of the Schools Sites Act 1841.
2. The said school premises ceased to be used for the purposes of a voluntary school in 1990 and pursuant to Section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 a trust for sale has arisen in respect of the said premises.
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1. The Diocese of Derby has made application to the Secretary of State for Education for the inclusion of the above-named school in a future order under Section 2 of the Education Act 1973: the purpose of the order is to allow the assets of the foundation to be used for the benefit of new and continuing schools of the same denomination within the Diocese. The same order will extinguish the rights of any beneficiary under the trust for sale
2. Any beneficiary who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to Messrs. J.H. Powell & Co. Solicitors of Cathedral Chambers, Amen Alley, Derby DE1 3GT (ref. PJC) no later than 22nd April 1996.

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
NEW CENTURY VENTURES (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Franses of Ian Franses Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 12th January 1996.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Franses at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I Franses, Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: LICENCE TO OPERATE THE SHEUNG SHUI SLAUGHTERHOUSE

The Hong Kong Government is planning to construct a new slaughterhouse in area 2B of Sheung Shui, for completion in October 1998. The new Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse (SSSH) will replace the Government-owned Cheung Sha Wan Abattoir and Kennedy Town Abattoir and the privately owned Yuen Long Slaughterhouse. Situated on a 5.7 hectare site, the slaughterhouse will have a slaughtering capacity of 5,000 pigs and 400 cattle per day. The Hong Kong Government intends to engage a private company in the operation and management of the SSSH, and now invites companies with experience in the operation of large-scale slaughterhouses to express interest for the licence to operate the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse.

The prospective operator of the SSSH will be selected among companies which have expressed interest and are found to be suitable and qualified to take up the licence to operate the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse.

Interested companies are invited to apply to:

Assistant Director (Special Project),
Regional Services Department,
7/F., Regional Council Building,
1-3 Pai Tau Street, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong.

Interested companies will be required to demonstrate their capabilities and experience in the management of large-scale slaughterhouses, and to explain how they propose to apply their experience and expertise in the management of the SSSH. They should also provide information on the history, structure, business and financial position of their companies.

An information note on the slaughterhouse and the application procedures and a set of the proposed broad terms of the licence to operate the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse can be obtained from the Hong Kong Government Office at No. 6 Grafton Street, W1X 3LB.

For further information and enquiries, please fax to the Regional Services Department at (852)2692 6867. The deadline for submission is 12 February 1996 (Hong Kong time). *All submissions must be in English.*

This invitation to express interest and any application in response will not create any relationships, contractual or otherwise, between Hong Kong Government and the parties submitting the applications.

Churchill's brainchild in birthday merger

Two into one goes at the CSO

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

THE Central Statistical Office, set up by Winston Churchill as part of his war effort, is today celebrating not only its 55th birthday but its last.

The CSO, which has been headquartered in the same building as the War Cabinet on Horseguards Road since it was set up, is merging with the Office of Population Censuses & Surveys and moving to new offices in Pimlico. As the CSO puts it: Churchill's wartime baby is getting married and leaving home.

In suitable celebration of both anniversary and merger, which brings together economic and social figures for the first time, the CSO offers a fascinating pot pourri of both types of statistics.

Did you know that a pint of bitter cost the equivalent of four pence in 1941 but will nowadays set you back £1.49? Consider that there were 1.9 million private cars then and more than 20 million now. And what of divorce: there were barely 7,000 in 1941 against 160,000 a year now.

Winston Churchill set up the CSO to help him to manage the economy during the Second World War. The CSO built up statistics on the resources of the nation covering munitions, industrial production, shipping, labour force, food, manpower and estimates of national income at a time when all of these had to directed towards winning the war. The first estimates of national income and expenditure were produced in 1941 by a team led by John Maynard Keynes.

In his request for such a knowledge machine, the Prime Minister said: "It is essential to consolidate and make sure agreed figures only are used. The utmost confusion is caused when people argue on different statistical data."

With the Conservatives and Labour currently engaged in a battle of statistics, martialled in full-page newpaper advertisements to support their causes and naturally completely contradictory, this is as true today as it was 55 years ago.

Bank flotation ends early

THE Bank of Scotland was yesterday forced to close the public share offer for 49 per cent of BankWest, its Australian bank, more than three weeks early in the face of overwhelming demand for the shares, sparking off accusations that it had acquired the bank much too cheaply (Rachel Bridge writes).

The Bank of Scotland acquired BankWest from the Western Australian government for A$900 million (£436.89 million) last month and agreed to sell down half of the bank to the Australian public as part of the conditions of the sale.

Jim McGinty, state opposition leader, claimed yesterday that the early closure of the float vindicated his view that the price paid by the Bank of Scotland had been too low.

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☐ The SIB needs a greater sense of urgency ☐ Weighing up the cost of EMU ☐ Flim-flam merchants back in favour

Wanted: a watchdog, not a lapdog

☐ THE Securities and Investment Board's so-called "progress report" would be the occasion for great hilarity, but for the genuine and widespread financial hardship the pensions review was set up to ameliorate.

Consider the SIB's first two bullet points, as it lists 15 months of achievements. The good news is that the review programme, wait for it, "is under way". Even *better, and please* try to control your excitement at the back, "all the front line regulators are taking the work forward with determination".

Sir Andrew Large was prepared to accept that the process needed to be speeded up, and that at the end of it fines would be the appropriate punishment for those less than helpful to the review. Why, then, was one left with the suspicion that he had needed to be prodded into what little activity was on view yesterday, and that once out of the public eye again the SIB would *revert to its customary torpor?*

The whole business is now hopelessly delayed, with tens of thousands of disaffected investors out there as yet untouched by the SIB's actions. Delays last year were technical and unavoidable, arising out of legal challenges, problems with computer systems, and so on. All the ingredients are now in place, and there is no excuse for any more.

As the SIB itself admits, a wide gap has opened up between the progress of the fastest and the slowest firms attempting to identify their respective victims of mis-selling. But the SIB's target dates still remain in place as "progress benchmarks".

The gap has opened up because while some in the financial services arena are willing to accept their responsibility for the mis-selling scandal, others have their reasons for dragging their feet. The big life firms, praised for their progress, have the resources to shoulder those responsibilities. But some have an interest in hurrying slowly, so ensuring that the eventual bill is as small as it can be. The tiny boutiques of independent financial advisers have been even more tardy, because they simply do not have the cash.

Here is one way of shaking the industry out of its inertia: a series of condign punishments, whether fines, suspensions or actual expulsions, by some of the junior self-regulatory organisations under the SIB umbrella *pour encourager les autres*. It is simply not enough, as the SIB tried yesterday, to put the onus on the customer to respond to letters and questionnaires and speed up the process.

Sir Andrew now has the requisite knighthood in recognition of his services, and it might be time for him to move on. What the customers, as opposed to the industry, need is someone who genuinely wants to be seen to succeed, someone who knows what regulating in public is all about. Someone like Christopher Sharples, perhaps, whose record at the head of another City watchdog, the Securities and Futures Authority, puts Sir Andrew's in the shade.

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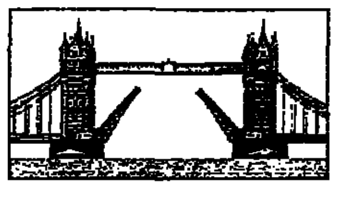

Banks champing at £1bn Euro-bit

☐ PRACTICAL cost is the last thing ministers will worry about when deciding if Britain should join a European currency. As the banks pointed out yesterday via the British Bankers Association, that cost is not insubstantial. The precisely imprecise figure mentioned was "at least" £914 million. Banks worry less about the enormity of this physical conversion cost than about planning their budgets when they do not have the faintest idea whether they will have to spend it.

By emphasising the cost of dithering, the BBA hints at banks' preference for joining at the beginning. They reckon that they will lose out if the Euro is launched without Britain. Apart from international banks suffering dual costs, they fear continentals might discriminate against them in payment systems and put them at a competitive disadvantage.

Their pleading is forlorn. Even Alexandre Lamfalussy, the experienced banker who heads the European Monetary Institute, accepted this week that the case for keeping to the Maastricht timetable against all common sense evidence was political, in the greater cause of making future non-economic moves to advance European union look more credible.

At home, there is no party case for the Cabinet to decide whether to exercise its opt-out. Any decision would annoy some, and no choice need be made before the election. This makes life yet more confusing for bankers. They believe the Government would not actually join but also know that ministers are anxious, for other reasons, to meet the Maastricht tests on time.

The electoral betting is, however, that Labour will make the final decision in two years' time. Though enthusiastic in theory, Labour is just as anxious not to come to a decision. The likelihood is therefore that neither party will even have hinted at a decision by next spring.

Meanwhile, French and Dutch banks will go ahead, assuming that EMU will start on time regardless of whether they believe it will. So one thing is clear. If and when Britain joins up, it will have to to import a load of hardware and software already designed and built on the Continent to cope with it.

Consultancy spree

☐ THEY arrive at your door, eyes agleam and flip-charts poised. If you are foolish enough to let them in, you are in for *many hours of corporate flim-flam* about strategising this and prioritising that, and a hefty bill. If you are even more foolish, some 16-year-old with an Apple Mac will redesign your annual report from an original idea by Mark Rothko.

They are several stages in the food chain below management consultants or the spin doctors of the City, but their star, too, is in the ascendant. They are the corporate consultants, advising on anything from the care and feeding of the local regulator to finding the right corridor in Whitehall.

One of them was bought yesterday, a rare event in these times. Fishburn Hedges went for something like seven times expected taxable profits by the end of the decade, or six times what it *made last year. This is a chunky* multiple for a business with virtually no assets except its staff, in a trade notoriously prone to sudden walkouts and schisms — like the one five years ago that led to its creation.

Trend-watchers might note that the last time public relations firms were going for such fancy numbers and on delayed payment packages that assumed they would be around long enough to earn them was a decade ago, with names like Saatchi and WPP doing the buying. It all ended in tears, and *a market crash.*

Contracting out

☐ THE Greenbury Report's bid to tighten up on directors' service contracts may be an own goal, according to a study of changes in the Stock Exchange listing rules by Irwin Mitchell. The new definition of such contracts may exclude some of those neat fixed-term or rolling contracts that have caused all the fuss, the lawyer claims. So they will no longer need to be available at the annual meeting or even be disclosed in circulars to shareholders. These are often the only routes by which the inquisitive can find out about such things.

Estate agent's shares tumble

Shares in Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks Holdings fell 6p to 41p after the estate agent and surveyor specialising in commercial property cut its interim dividend to 0.6p (1.5p) after a 47.6 per cent slump in profits.

The effects of a subdued property market in 1995, with tenant demand showing few signs of recovery and lower capital values, led to a slide in pre-tax profits to £937,000 in the half year to October 31 (£1.79 million).

The group suffered from weakness in the market and from continuing "significant overcapacity" in the property advisory profession. Earnings fell to 1.22p (2.65p) a share.

Remy strikes flat note

Remy Cointreau struck a sober note yesterday about future performance as it reported that sales had been curbed by resistance to the price increases it has pushed through. The company gave warning that lower volumes would pull down full-year profits. It also said Christmas cognac sales had disappointed. Operating profits for the six months to September 30 were Fr216.4 million (Fr394.1 million).

Dagul quits Southend

Malcolm Dagul is stepping down as chairman and chief executive of Southend Property Holdings after the company's £10.5 million purchase of Old Hall Estates, a private property group controlled by Graeme Jackson and Neil Ankers. Mr Dagul has sold his 20 per cent holding in Southend to the vendors of Old Hall, including Mr Jackson and Mr Anker, and N M Rothschild and British Land.

BSE scare hits Sims

Shares of Sims Food Group fell 15 per cent to a new low yesterday after the meat processor and supplier gave warning that there would be no final dividend because of the BSE scare, which has knocked 15 per cent off sales. The shares fell from 33p to 28p — well below the 339p that they commanded in May 1992.

McDonnell and Boeing merger talks break down

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

MERGER talks between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, the US planemakers, appear to have broken down amid disagreements over who would run the combined business, and reluctance on the part of Boeing to pay $12 billion for its smaller rival. NBoth are is now thought to be seeking other acquisitions.

News that the talks have foundered will come as a relief to British Aerospace, the world's third-largest defence company after Lockheed Martin and McDonnell Douglas, as well as to BAe's partners in Airbus Industrie, the European civil jet consortium.

But there will be little respite from the pressure on the European aerospace and defence industry from the US. Chris Avery, analyst at Paribas Capital Markets said: "I would be surprised if that is the end of US defence consolidation. If anything it will increase McDonnell's efforts to find another partner and increase question marks over Boeing's defence business."

Merger talks were initiated by Boeing to build a defence business to match that created by the combination of Lockheed and Martin Marietta last year. Lockheed Martin, which has since agreed to buy Loral's defence electronics business, will have revenues of more than $30 billion.

The company dominates the US military aerospace industry, building the Hercules transport, F16 multi-role fighter and F117A stealth fighter-bomber, as well as participating in the forthcoming F22 air-superiority fighter. It expects $1.8 billion savings a year from its merged activities.

McDonnell, which earns about $9.2 billion a year from defence, builds the F15 and F18 fighters, the American versions of the BAe Harrier and Hawk, the Apache helicopter and the new C17 jet transport. Boeing, with defence revenues of $4.7 billion a year, makes the Boeing 767 airborne early-warning plane, the Comanche light attack helicopter, the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft and participates on the F22 programme.

Though driven by the need to match Lockheed Martin, the mooted merger was also designed to streamline civil jet activities. McDonnell would have been able to wind down production of its MD-11, which competes with the Boeing 777, while price competition between the MD-95 100-seater and Boeing's baby 737 could have been reduced.

But according to the *Wall Street Journal*, Frank Schrontz, Boeing's chairman and chief executive, refused demands by Harry Stonecipher, McDonnell's chief executive, for a leading post-merger role. Boeing, worth nearly $27 billion, also declined to pay a big premium for McDonnell.

Duncan Bannatyne, pictured, chairman of Quality Care Homes, reported profits of £4.8 million before tax (£3.73 million) in the year to October 31. The dividend is 4.95p.

Fishburn Hedges in AMV's net

By Philip Pangalos

ABBOTT MEAD VICKERS, the marketing services group, has acquired Fishburn Hedges Boys Williams, the fast-growing corporate communications company, for a maximum of £15 million.

Peter Mead, AMV's chief executive, said the acquisition of Fishburn Hedges, which specialises in consultancy, public relations and design for the financial and corporate sector, will strengthen the group and boost its existing list of blue chip clients. He said: "This is a classic aquisition for us. We've been following them over the last couple of years. It will be earnings enhancing from day one."

The deal involves an initial payment of £4 million, with four additional payments depending on future performance. To achieve the maximum payment due, Fishburn Hedges will need to make average annual pre-tax profits of £1.5 million in 1998 and 1999. Fishburn Hedges made unaudited pre-tax profits of £1.1 million in 1995.

AMV shares climbed 2p to 469p.

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Surge in earnings by US banks

From Richard Thomson in New York

CITICORP led a spate of strong earnings results yesterday from many of America's biggest banks, which reflect the health of the sector and the underlying strength of most borrowers despite sluggish economic growth.

Citicorp's earnings for the fourth quarter of 1995 of $905 million, or $1.89 per share, was substantially higher than Wall Street had been expecting. It was $1 billion lower than at the same time last year only because the 1994 figure included a massive tax break. Income for the whole of last year was was $3.46 billion, up nearly $100 million on 1994.

Chase Manhattan announced a 48 per cent surge in fourth-quarter earnings to $340 million from $229 million for the same period in 1994, as investment banking income hit record levels and consumer lending showed good growth.

Chemical Bank, which is merging with Chase to form the largest bank in the US, also unveiled strong earnings growth as consumer lending produced healthy returns. Fourth-quarter earnings were up 48 per cent while earnings for the year rose 25 per cent to a record $1.8 billion.

Chemical and Chase said that large cost reductions had strengthened their earnings. Further cost cutting will come through as the banks are merged.

First Chicago and the Bank of New York also turned in strong results for the final quarter and for the whole year, thanks partly to low bad debt provisions.

There had been growing fears over the last few weeks that bad debts, particularly in consumer lending, were soaring but so far these have proved to be unfounded.

Analysts said that banks would continue to perform reasonably well into 1996 although their shares were unlikely to do as well as last year when they rose by more than 50 per cent.

Exceptions to the run of good results were Nations Bank and First Interstate, both of which reported higher than expected bad-debt provisions, reflecting the slightly poorer quality of their loan books.

PowerGen post goes to ICI chief

DERYK KING, who heads ICI's polyester business, is to be the new managing director of PowerGen, the generator (Christine Buckley writes).

Mr King has held a number of positions at the chemicals company, which has been critical of electricity prices. He joins PowerGen on March 1, bringing expertise in international management at a time when the generator is looking to bolster overseas operations.

Mr King moves into position as Ed Wallis, the present chief executive, becomes chairman. He succeeds Sir Colin Southgate, who leaves at the end of a three-year term. Mr Wallis will retain responsibility for PowerGen's strategy and external relations.

Later in the year, PowerGen is expected to appoint a new non-executive deputy chairman to comply with the Cadbury and Greenbury codes on corporate governance.

Zeneca leaps on £12bn Roche bid rumour

By Eric Reguly

SHARES of Zeneca climbed again yesterday on continued speculation that the pharmaceuticals and chemicals group is on the verge of becoming a takeover target.

The shares gained 43p to £12.91, which is within striking distance of their 52-week high of £13.37½ and well above their low of 840p. On Monday, the shares rose 18p.

The latest rumours were that Roche of Switzerland, the rival group, was putting together a £12 billion bank facility to finance a bid. Roche never comments on bid specula-tion. Analysts downplayed the possibility that Zeneca might lose its independence. Robert Uhl of Salomon Brothers in New York said: "It is of a large enough size to put off most acquisitors."

Barnes: little room for cuts

At the current market price, Zeneca has a market capitalisation of about £12 billion. A premium of 25 per cent — anything less would be unlikely because Zeneca would consider any takeover attempt hostile — *would raise the price to* £15 billion, or about five times its annual sales.

That would make it the most expensive takeover in the sector: Glaxo's purchase of Wellcome last year was t 3.7 times sales.

Mark Brewer of ABN-Amro Hoare Govett, the securities group, said Zeneca is more likely to make an acquisition instead of being acquired. He noted that Zeneca considered launching a white knight bid for Wellcome. "That proves they certainly have the capacity to finance a large acquisition," he said.

Mr Brewer said that Zeneca, led by David Barnes, chief executive, is run tightly and would present little room for cost cutting. "We find it difficult to conceive of what value it would give to another company."

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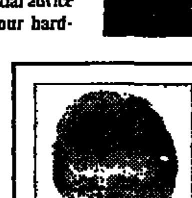

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Shares driven higher by scent of cheaper money

SHARE prices and Government bonds were driven sharply higher as City investors caught the scent of cheaper money.

Gilts soared around £¾ and the FT-SE 100 index enjoyed its best one-day performances for three months. Hopes are high that today's monthly economic meeting between Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, will signal a further cut in rates.

Pressure is also growing for a cut in European interest rates, with the Germans reducing their Repo rate yesterday. It follows hard on the heels of a reduction in the French intervention rate last week. Hans Tietmeyer, head of the Bundesbank, went on television yesterday to confirm that there was further scope for a cut in German rates.

The Bundesbank meets again tomorrow having trimmed a half-point from its Lombard and Discount rates on December 14.

In the event, the FT-SE 100 index discounted the overnight fall on Wall Street to close at its best of the day with a rise of 47.9 at 3,710.6.

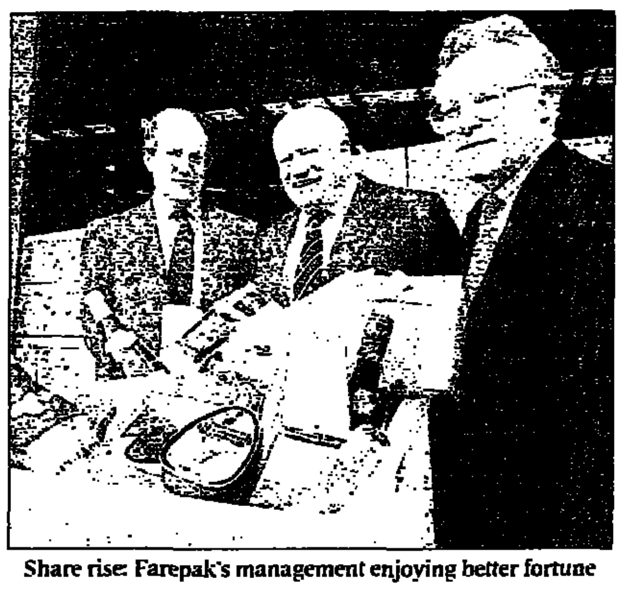
Turnover reached almost 900 million shares, bolstered *by heavy trading in several* issues, including 43.56 million shares in **Gaelic Resources**, ¼p firmer at 1½p, following a put-through of around 21 million shares at 1½p.

There was also heavy turnover in Forte as Granada stepped up the pressure in its *£3.8 billion battle for control*. It snapped up 9.2 per cent of the company during a dawn raid. ABN Amro Hoare Govett and BZW paid between 382p and 384p for a total of 87.5 million shares. It takes Granada's stake in Forte to 9.9 per cent. By the close of business a massive 162.5 million Forte shares had traded.

Forte described the raid on its shares as a desperate attempt by Granada to restore the momentum to its misguided bid. It said that Granada had lost its nerve and was favouring certain shareholders above others.

Last night, Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that he would refer the Granada bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless the company removed any concerns about competition.

There is now less than a week for shareholders to make up their minds about accepting the terms. Brokers say that the tide has turned in Granada's favour. **Granada** closed 23p higher at 693p.



Share rise: Farepak's management enjoying better fortune

Revived bid speculation continued to drive **Zeneca** higher, with the price leaping 43p to £12.91 as suggestions that Roche, the Swiss pharmaceutical group, may want to bid grabbed the market's imagination. Earlier this week *Roche's plans to raise £12* billion excited speculators, who assumed that the proceeds would be used to finance a bid for Zeneca.

Last year there was talk that Sandoz, another Swiss pharmaceutical group, was ready to bid for the group. Almost three million Zeneca shares were traded.

The food retailers found support in the shape of SBC Warburg, the broker. Top of its shopping list remains **Tesco**, 12½p better at 315½p. But Warburg has altered its recommendation on J Sainsbury from "add" to "long-term buy". **Sainsbury** responded with a rise of 8½p to 423½p. There were also gains for **Argyll**, 11p to 356½p, **Nurdin & Peacock**, 5p to 165p, **Kwik Save**, 7p to 497p, and **Iceland**, 6p to 153p.

News of an encouraging clinical trial relating to its antiviral agent D2 S failed to budge **M L Laboratories**, which closed unchanged at 30p. The group announced that phase two clinical studies of D2 S with Aids patients was progressing well. Four patients had completed a four-week trial period to assess the treatment regime and provide drug efficacy evidence. Further trials covering a large number of patients are due later this year.

Farepak rose 3p to 284p after reducing first-half pretax losses from £1.79 million to £364,000. The group was optimistic about prospects for the second half.

A disappointing set of half-year figures from Remy Cointreau, the French champagne and brandy producer, turned out to be bad news for its 20 per cent shareholder **Highland Distilleries**. Highland, which produces the Famous Grouse brand of whisky, finished the session 4p lower at 326p, after briefly touching 317p, as it emerged that Remy was trying to reduce debts of Ff8 billion and convert a further Ff836 million of bonds into shares.

Plans to shed 1,600 jobs at its Scottish Courage division as part of a major restructuring plan left **Scottish & Newcastle** 1p easier at 608p. The move will result in the closure of its brewing and packaging operations at Halifax, West Yorkshire, and Nottingham before October, with production concentrated at its seven other breweries. The *group said the job losses were* necessary if its restructuring plans were to succeed.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: London extended this week's gains as bond markets round the world sported sharp rises in the growing hope of cheaper money, an expectation *confirmed by the Bundesbank* yesterday.

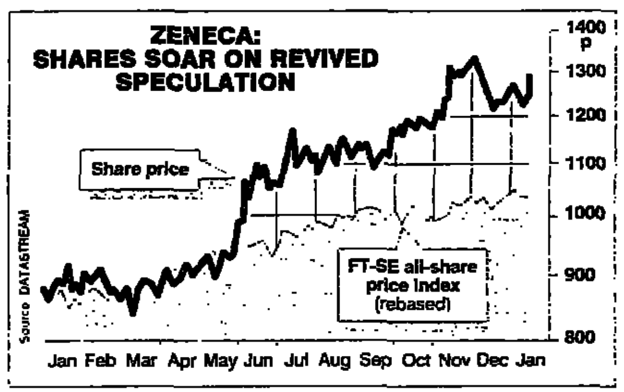
It was the future that led the cash market higher with traders reporting heavy turnover as the March series of the long gilt climbed £$^{27}/_{32}$ to £111$^{29}/_{32}$. By the close a total of 88,000 contracts had been completed.

In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 finished £¾ higher at £103$^{15}/_{32}$, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose £$^{9}/_{16}$ to £105$^{13}/_{32}$. But index-linked issues underperformed at the prospect of a further slowdown in inflation with gains limited to £$^{3}/_{16}$.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares were mixed at midday as investors remained nervous about the budget and greeted the fourth-quarter earnings season with caution. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 5.78 to 5,049.56.

Expect some nervousness in British Aerospace shares after yesterday's announcement that the proposed £200 million flotation of Peoples Phone had been postponed owing to lack of interest. BAe and its partner Hutchison Whampoa are expected to float-off Orange, their mobile phone network operator.

ZENECA: SHARES SOAR ON REVIVED SPECULATION



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MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5049.56 (+5.78)
S&P Composite	601.98 (+2.16)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20567.07 (+279.65)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	10671.15 (+36.65)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	504.56 (+2.79)

Sydney:

AO	2245.1 (+12.1)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2376.97 (+17.83)

Singapore:

Straits	2397.83 (+15.76)

Brussels:

General	8736.06 (+38.90)

Paris:

CAC-40	1952.10 (+27.70)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	726.80 (+3.00)

London:

FT 30	2760.7 (+33.7)
FT 100	3710.6 (+47.9)
FT-SE Mid 250	4037.5 (+15.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1840.5 (+20.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1522.85 (+11.97)
FT A All-Share	1814.04 (+18.78)
FT Non Financials	1918.5 (+19.28)
FT Fixed Interest	114.54 (+0.32)
FT Govt Secs	95.98 (+0.38)
Bargains	32161
SEAQ Volume	901.9m
USM (Datastrm)	190.64 (+0.11)
US$	1.5383 (-0.0074)
German Mark	2.2419 (+0.0060)
Exchange Index	83.4 (Same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1894
£:SDR	n/a
RPI	149.8 Nov (3.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.8 Nov (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Century Inns	115	- 1
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Crown Products	55	...
Dmatek	72	...
Jupiter Split Cap	85½	...
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Nthn Petlm Wrts	8	...
Revelation Plcc	100	...
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Westbury n/p (150)	26	+ 2

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Central Pacific	118p (+10p)
Shield Diag	145p (+10p)
Microgen	191p (+13p)
Frost Group	181p (+11p)
Lloyds Chemist	291p (+16p)
GRE	269½p (+13½p)
Filtronic Com	423p (+18p)
Renison	308p (+13p)
Tibbet & Britten	420p (+17p)
Tesco	315½p (+12½p)
Forward Group	670p (+25p)
Sun Alliance	379p (+13p)
Scotia	583p (+20p)
Granada	693p (+23p)
Serco Group	420p (+13p)
Lloyds TSB	327p (+10p)
Forte	380½p (+14½p)

FALLS:

Photo-Me	133p (-14p)
Gartmore	254p (-10p)
Mersey Docks	391p (-14p)
Telspec	763p (-12p)

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TEMPUS

Slimming down at S&N

THE creation of the country's largest brewer in a sector as flat as a leftover pint was bound to lead to rationalisation on a big scale. The shake-up at Scottish & Newcastle came a little later than anticipated but offered few other suprises.

Scottish expects to make cost savings of £75 million a year after shelling out an initial £150 million on the restructuring exercise. The company claims the review is now complete, but this mature industry has developed a paunch and it remains to be seen how much further it needs to reduce capacity. Scottish has already taken firm steps with a reduction in the brewing staff of more than 20 per cent.

Cost cutting alone will not propel the business into significant growth. Other large brewers have expanded into leisure operations such as hotels and gambling. Although Scottish & Newcastle takes in Center Parcs and Pontins, it remains the most ardent supporter of brewing. Having chosen that path, the company is under increased pressure to come up with new products. Its rivals — such as Bass — have found money spinners with innovations such as alcoholic lemonade, and S&N needs to find similar products to capture the imagination.

Alcoholic soft drinks are controversial but they have breathed new life into the drinks market. S&N bought well with Courage. The *John Smith's brand*, which formed part of the package, has performed creditably but S&N's traditional brews suffered marginal decline in the last set of results. The company has a hard battle ahead, and the last budget did no favours to an industry inundated with cheap imports.

Mersey Docks

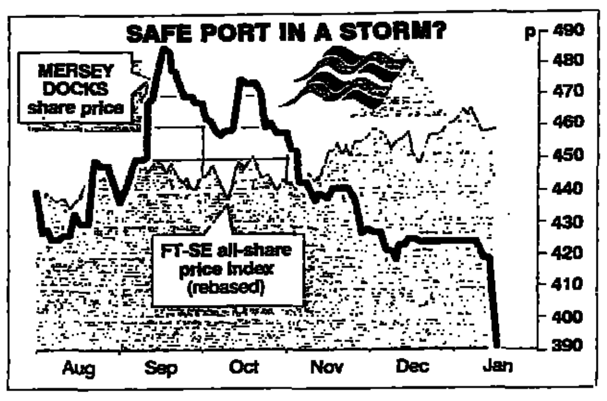
RECENT events in the Port of Liverpool suggest that Mersey Docks & Harbour Company has been caught in a time warp. Unfortunately, the unofficial strike at the docks is very real and there is no doubt that the company will suffer some loss of profit from up to six weeks of disruption.

The dispute says more about the scars of the past than the present. The 300 striking Mersey Docks employees have clearly deluded themselves into believing they could force the company to employ 80 workers who lost jobs in a company with no connection to Mersey Docks. The National Dock Labour Scheme once imposed such an obligation and almost killed off the port.

Ironically, Mersey Docks *could ultimately profit from* the misguided loyalties of the strikers. Having sacked some 300 workers, it has replaced them with a labour force provided by sub-contractors. These are achieving 30-50 per cent productivity improvements on their predecessors. A quick end to the dispute would make Mersey shares a bargain.

The company claims the port is now operating normally, but there are worries that further action by sympathetic dockers abroad could cause ACL, a major customer, to quit the port. Whatever the outcome, Mersey Docks needs to repair the damage to its reputation. However innocent of the charge, it cannot afford *the image of* union-busting employer.

SAFE PORT IN A STORM?



Zeneca

INVESTORS would be unwise to hold on to their Zeneca shares in the hope that someone will bid for *them at a healthy premium*. The drugs and agrochemicals group is more predator than target, and if Zeneca does buy, its shares will come under pressure.

Nevertheless, speculation that Swiss drug companies are raising sterling funds has sent Zeneca stock climbing again. The company is not takeover proof, but presents formidable obstacles to a potential predator. It is not a pure drugs play; sales of agrochemicals and specialty chemicals outsell pharmaceuticals products by a significant margin. A buyer more interested in cancer drugs than sugar beet herbicides would have to sell the bulk of the company, and risk doing so at a discount. Zeneca is a tightly run operation with few opportunities to cut costs.

Price is the biggest obstacle. Zeneca shares are trading at more than 25 times earnings, and any additional premium would send the ratio into the stratosphere. Any takeover attempt would be hostile, leaving the bidder with the need to both fund and justify a premium of up to 30 per cent.

Zeneca, which considered a white knight bid for Wellcome last year, can well afford a substantial acquisition. The shares are still climbing but the market is not always right.

Southend Prop.

THE prize for the most optimistic property investment must go to Graeme Jackson and Neil Ankers, who have paid 71½p for shares in Southend Property Holdings that currently trade below 50p. Reverse takeovers sometimes prompt a sudden rise in a share price in the hope that action by a new management will lead to a rerating of the company.

Unfortunately, the market takes a more prosaic view. The new chief executive's last brush with the quoted sector was with Warringtons, a quoted property group which ultimately failed. In a rising market, Southend shares responded to the reverse takeover by losing ground.

The new team hopes to sell off a large portion of the company's unproductive assets and increase occupancy rates, but buyers will be thin on the ground for properties yielding less than 7 per cent in this market.

With few signs of good rental growth emerging to boost values, the quoted property share market needs corporate activity to lift it out of the doldrums. Ironically, Southend has been unofficially seeking a buyer for almost a year, but the management and their backers, Rothschild and British Land, may have to wait longer for a return.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar 986-985 May 1022-1020
May 924-928 Jul unq
Jul 947-946 Sep
Sep 967-966 Dec
Dec 967-985
Mar 1009-1007 Volume 5461

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan 1925-1916 Sep 1547-1546
Mar 1775-1772 Nov 1540-1530
May 1625-1625 Jan 1525-1510
Jul 1566-1566 Volume 4741

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters Oct 303.8-302.2
Spot: 384.2 Dec 297.7-96.0
Mar 359.0-56.5 Mar 297.4-95.5
May 342.5-41.6 May 296.9-95.0
Aug [illegible] Volume 5475

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	103.81	119.95	116.75
(+/-)	-1.91	-1.06	2.45
Eng/Wales	103.79	120.31	118.46
(+/-)	-1.91	-1.91	-2.87
[illegible]	-4.0	-22.3	7.0
Scotland	104.46	118.51	121.65
(+/-)	+1.48	+2.82	-4.17
[illegible]	10.0	-1.0	-5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm) CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.90	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.90	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.10	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	18.45	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.05	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B 170 (+3)	O 172 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+2)	166 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Feb	160 (+2)	163 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	157 (+2)	150 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	100 (+3)	102 (+3)
Naphtha	170 (+2)	172 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd) GAS OIL

Feb 157.00-57.25 May 150.00-50.25
Mar 154.25-54.50 Jun 149.25-49.50
Apr 151.50-51.75 Vol 22106

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb 17.83-17.84 May 16.69 SLR
Mar 17.25-17.28 Jun 16.45-16.48
Apr 16.91-16.93 Vol 31000

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	122.35	Jan	115.90
Mar	123.15	Mar	116.15
May	125.15	May	117.50
Jul	127.50	Sep	104.50
Sep	114.00	Nov	110.50
Volume 128		Volume 13[illegible]	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	200.0
Apr	190.0	193.3
May	unq	217.5
Volume 83		

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Feb [illegible]

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 96	1547	1515	1535
Feb 96	1522	1495	1521
Mar 96	1510	1495	1505
Apr 96	1520	1492	1505
Vol. 150 lots		Open interest 42[illegible]	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2553.0-2554.0	2454.0-2455.0	[illegible]
Lead ($/tonne)	692.50-693.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zinc Spc. Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1011.0-1012.0	1033.0-1032.5	[illegible]
Tin ($/tonne)	6200.0-6201.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1545.0-1546.0	1564.0-1565.0	[illegible]
Nickel ($/tonne)	7540.0-7545.0	[illegible]	[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

[illegible]

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 62967	Mar 96	3690.0	3734.0	3689.0	3727.0	11705
	Jun 96	3715.0	3722.0	3715.0	3729.0	7
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3412	Mar 96				4060.0	0
	Jun 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 357765	Mar 96	93.76	93.79	93.76	93.77	15945
	Jun 96	93.96	93.96	93.95	93.96	15643
	Sep 96	93.97	94.01	93.97	93.99	10358
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 0	Mar 96	n/a			94.67	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1013907	Mar 96	96.56	96.61	96.57	96.60	44460
	Jun 96	96.76	96.79	96.75	96.77	38907
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 127362	Mar 96	111-10	111-30	111-09	111-29	89361
	Jun 96	111-03	111-05	111-02	111-09	174
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 96	119.43	119.52	119.37	119.50	2366
	Jun 96	119.01	119.07	119.00	119.07	403
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 222636	Mar 96	100.71	100.98	100.66	100.96	165395
	Jun 96	100.00	100.30	99.97	100.27	2020
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 29910	Mar 96	95.22	95.29	95.22	95.29	1136
	Jun 96	95.41	95.47	95.41	95.46	657
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 56437	Mar 96	98.36	98.39	98.36	98.38	7676
	Jun 96	98.46	98.48	98.44	98.45	3558
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 60034	Mar 96	110.45	111.59	110.41	111.42	64495
	Jun 96				111.06	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6[illegible] Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6[illegible] Week fixed: 6[illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible]; Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth: 6[illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6[illegible], close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	6[illegible]	n/a	6[illegible]	6[illegible]	6[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	5.48	n/a	5.42	5.33	5.18
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $397.70-398.00 Close: $396.75-397.25 High: $398.00-398.50
Low: $395.00-395.50 AM: $397.90 PM: $397.60

Krugerrand: $397.00-399.00 (£257.50-259.50)

Platinum: $416.50 (£270.00) Silver: $5.45 (£3.535) Palladium: $130.25 (£84.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5091-2.5168	2.5117-2.5150	[illegible]pr	2-1[illegible]pr
Brussels	46.040-46.250	46.040-46.140	14-10pr	35-30pr
Copenhagen	8.6570-8.7010	8.6610-8.6830	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	4[illegible]-3[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9647-0.9679	0.9650-0.9676	11-8pr	26-21pr
Frankfurt	2.2404-2.2452	2.2421-2.2452	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Lisbon	231.55-232.81	231.74-232.37	28-55ds	86-130ds
Madrid	186.55-189.38	188.55-188.84	38-47ds	111-128ds
Milan	2425.2-2439.6	2425.2-2429.2	7-8ds	20-23ds
Montreal	2.0993-2.1048	2.1007-2.1037	0.20-0.11pr	0.33-0.22pr
New York	1.5370-1.5426	1.5370-1.5380	0.14-0.12pr	0.34-0.31pr
Oslo	9.8210-9.8630	9.8210-9.8360	1[illegible]pr	3[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Paris	7.6560-7.6870	7.6630-7.6760	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	3[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.181-10.233	10.181-10.204	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	162.39-163.33	162.39-162.66	1-[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Vienna	15.750-15.810	15.762-15.788	[illegible]pr	1-[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.8033-1.8050	1.8041-1.8072	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3449-1.3468
Austria	10.24-10.25
Belgium (Com)	29.92-29.96
Canada	1.3647-1.3652
Denmark	5.6280-5.6310
France	4.9775-4.9785
Germany	1.4555-1.4565
Hong Kong	7.7317-7.7327
Ireland	1.5962-1.5977
Italy	1577.30-1578.30
Japan	105.60-105.65
Malaysia	2.5628-2.5636
Netherlands	1.6300-1.6310
Norway	6.3855-6.3885
Portugal	150.50-150.59
Singapore	1.4248-1.4258
Spain	122.52-122.61
Sweden	6.6141-6.6216
Switzerland	1.1710-1.1720

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5386-1.5412
Australia dollar	2.0707-2.0735
Bahrain dinar	0.5755-0.5875
Brazil real*	1.4965-1.5007
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6980-0.7080
Finland markka	6.7175-6.8335
Greece drachma	364.50-371.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.9037-11.9130
India rupee	54.79-55.75
Indonesia rupiah	3497.00-3565.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4570-0.4670
Malaysia ringgit	3.9441-3.9483
New Zealand dollar	2.3213-2.3245
Pakistan rupee	52.53 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5550-5.6790
Singapore dollar	2.1928-2.1957
S Africa rand (com)	5.5650-5.6670
U A E dirham	5.6025-5.7265

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	3,200	Land Secs	917
ASDA Gp	3,600	Legal & Gn	3,600
Abbey Ntl	2,300	Lloyds TSB	7,700
Allied Dom	3,100	Marks Spr	2,600
Argos	290	NatWst Bk	2,300
Argyll Gp	5,200	Nat Grid	7,300
AB Foods	730	Nat Power	2,100
BAA	4,200	P & O	2,000
BAT Inds	6,000	Pearson	642
BOC	1,100	Pilkington	13,000
BP	3,300	PowerGen	1,200
BSkyB	3,300	Prudential	4,500
BTR	7,900	REXAM	1,300
BT	10,000	RMC	1,000
Bk of Scot	3,600	RTZ	2,800
Barclays	3,400	Rank Org	2,900
Bass	1,200	Reckitt Col	494
Blue Circle	2,400	Redland	615
Boots	1,200	Reed Intl	520
BAe	484	Rentokil	1,100
BA	3,400	Reuters	624
Brit Gas	13,000	Rolls Royce	9,100
Brit Steel	5,200	Royal Ins	3,900
Burmah Cstl	356	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700
Burton	1,200	Sainsbury	10,000
Cable Wire	4,700	Schroders	40
Cadbury	1,600	Scot & New	807
Carlton Cms	733	Scot Power	1,500
Cm Union	2,200	Svrn Trent	311
Cookson	2,100	Shell Trans	1,800
Courtaulds	1,200	Siebe	1,200
Dixons	3,800	SmKl Bch	2,900
Enterpr Oil	242	Smith Nph	2,200
For & Col IT	263	Smiths Inds	258
Forte	162,000	Sthern Elec	543
GKN	244	Std Chartd	2,900
GRE	3,700	Sun Allnce	1,300
GUS	1,300	TI Gp	2,200
Gen Acc	786	Tate & Lyle	661
Gen Elec	4,700	Tesco	7,900
Glaxo Well	5,200	Thames W	488
Granada	6,700	Thrn EMI	1,200
Grand Met	3,100	Tomkins	4,300
Guinness	1,500	Unilever	847
HSBC	3,100	United Utils	3,800
Hanson	9,000	Vodafone	8,700
ICI	799	Whitbread	1,100
Kingfisher	1,100	Wlms Hld	790
LASMO	545	Wolseley	1,200
Ladbroke	11,000	Zeneca	2,800

WALL STREET

	Jan 16 midday	Jan 15 close
AMP Inc	37	37
AMR Corp	71	70
AT & T	66	66
Abbott Labs	40	40
Advanced Micro	18	17
Aetna Life	70	70
Ahmanson (HF)	26	25
Air Prod & Chem	53	53
AirTouch Comm	26	26
Alberto-Culver B	33	33
Albertson's	31	32
Alcan Aluminm	29	29
Alco Standard	43	43
Allied Signal	48	49
Alum Co of Am	49	50
Amax Gold Inc	8	8
Amerada Hess	52	52
Amer Brands	44	44
Amer El Power	41	41
Amer Express	39	38
Amer Genl Corp	34	34
Amer Home Pr	98	97
Amer Intl	92	92
Amer Stores	25	25
Amer Standard	28	28
Ameritech	57	57
Amoco	68	69
Anheuser-Busch	66	67
Apple Computer	34	34
Archer Daniels	17	17
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	63	62
Asarco	27	28
Ashland Oil	35	35
Atl Richfield	113	112
Auto Data Pro	36	36
Avery Dennison	48	48
Avon Products	73	73
Baker Hughes	23	23
Baltim Gas & El	28	28
Banc One	36	35
BankAmerica	60	60
Bank of NY	46	45
Bankers Tr NY	64	64
Barnett Banks	56	55
Bausch & Lomb	38	38
Baxter Intl	41	41
Bectn Dicknsn	76	76
Bell Atlantic	69	69
Bell Industries	20	20
BellSouth	42	42
Black & Decker	33	32
Block (H&R)	35	36
Boeing	76	77
Boise Cascade	33	34
Bristol Myrs Sq	83	83
Browning Ferris	29	30
Brunswick	21	22
Burlington Nthn	74	75
CNA Financial	113	112
CPC Intl	69	68
CSX	43	44
CCH A	55	55
Campbell Soup	59	59
Can Pacific	19	18
Cptl Cities ABC	123	124
Carolina Pwr	35	35
Caterpillar	55	56
Central & SW	27	27
Champion Intl	39	41
Chase Manhat	59	57
Chemical Bk	57	55
Chevron Corp	53	53
Chrysler	52	52
Chubb Corp	102	102
Cigna Corp	111	111
Citicorp	69	68
Clorox	70	71
Coastal Corp	36	35
Coca Cola	73	73
Colgate-Palmolive	70	70
Columbia Gas	42	43
ColumbiaHCA	53	53
Compaq Comp	44	44
Comp Ass Intl	54	54
Conagra	43	42
Conrail	70	72
Cons Edison	33	33
Cons Nat Gas	44	44
Cooper Inds	35	34
CoreStates	37	36
Corning Inc	30	30
Crown Cork	41	41
Dana Corp	29	29
Dayton Hudson	72	72
Deere	33	33
Delta Air Lines	70	69
Deluxe Corp	27	27
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	57	57
Dillard Dept St	29	29
Disney (Walt)	59	60
Dominion Res	42	42
Donnelley (RR)	35	35
Dover Corp	39	38
Dow Chemical	70	70
Dow Jones	39	39
Dresser	24	24
Duke Power	48	47
Dun & Bradstreet	65	66

	Jan 16 midday	Jan 15 close
Du Pont	70	70
Eastman Kodak	67	67
Eaton Corp	53	54
Emerson Elec	78	79
Engelhard Corp	21	21
Enron Corp	36	36
Entergy	29	29
Ethyl Corp	12	12
Exxon	79	78
FMC Corp	69	68
FPL Group	46	45
Federal Express	67	69
Fed Nat Mtge	29	121
First Interstate	137	135
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	40	39
Fluor Corp	63	63
Ford Motor	27	27
GTE Corp	45	45
Gannett	60	60
Gap Inc Del	45	45
Gen Dynamics	59	59
Gen Electric	70	70
Gen Mills	54	54
Gen Motors	49	49
Gen Reinsurance	151	149
Gen Signal	33	32
Genuine Parts	40	40
Georgia Pac	67	68
Gillette	53	52
Glaxo Welle ADR	27	27
Goodrich (BF)	69	69
Goodyear Tire	43	43
Grace (W&R)	59	59
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20	20
Great Wstn Fin	25	25
Halliburton	46	46
Harcourt General	40	40
Heinz (HJ)	33	33
Hercules	55	56
Hershey Foods	65	65
Hewlett Packard	76	75
Hilton Hotels	67	66
Home Depot	43	43
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	46	45
Household Intl	52	52
Houston Inds	25	24
Humana	27	27
ITT Corp	48	48
Illinois Tool	54	54
Illinova	29	29
INCO	31	31
Ingersoll Rand	36	37
Inland Steel	25	26
Intel Corp	54	53
IBM	84	83
Intl Flav & Fr	47	48
Intl Paper	36	37
James River Va	22	23
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	86	86
Kellogg	73	73
Kerr-McGee	61	61
Kimberly-Clark	79	79
Kmart	6	6
Knight-Ridder	64	64
Lilly (Eli)	51	50
Limited Inc	15	16
Lincoln Nat	51	51
Litton	47	48
Liz Claiborne	26	26
Lockheed Martin	77	76
Louisiana Pac	23	23
MCI Comm	26	26
Marriott Int	38	38
Marsh & McLnn	86	86
Masco Corp	28	28
May Dept St	42	42
Maytag Corp	19	19
McDonalds	44	44
McDonnell D	90	92
McGraw Hill	86	86
Mead Corp	51	52
Medtronic	49	49
Mellon Bk	49	49
Melville Corp	29	29
Merck Inc	64	63
Merrill Lynch	51	50
Microsoft	84	82
Minnesota Mine	66	65
Mobil Corp	109	109
Monsanto	117	117
Morgan (JP)	76	75
Motorola Inc	48	48
Natl Semi	19	19
Natl Service Ind	34	34
Navistar Int	10	10
NY Times A	28	29
Newmont Mng	50	49
Niag Mohawk	9	9
Nike B	65	66
NL Industries	13	13
Noram Energy	8	8
Nordstrom	40	41
Norfolk Sthrn	77	79
Nthn State Pwr	51	50
Norwest Corp	31	31
Nynex Corp	51	50
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	24	23

	Jan 16 midday	Jan 15 close
Oracle	40	40
Oryx Energy Co	12	12
Owens Corning	42	42
PPG Industries	45	45
PNC Bank	29	29
PP&L Res	25	25
Paccar Inc	44	44
Pacificorp	21	21
Pac Enterprises	27	27
Pac Gas & Elec	27	27
Pac Telesis	33	33
Pall Corp	24	23
Panhandle East	27	27
Parker Hannifin	34	35
Peco Energy	30	30
Penney (JC)	45	45
Pennzoil	41	41
Pepsico	56	56
Pfizer	62	61
Pharm & Upjhn	38	37
Phelps Dodge	57	58
Philip Morris	89	90
Phillips Pet	32	32
Pitney Bowes	44	44
Polaroid	47	47
PriceCostco	15	15
Procter & Gmbl	87	85
Providian	42	42
Pub Serv E & G	31	31
Quaker Oats	33	33
Ralston Purina	58	59
Raychem Corp	53	52
Raytheon	46	46
Reebok Intl	26	26
Reynolds Metals	49	50
Rockwell Intl	53	53
Rohm & Haas	65	65
Royal Dutch	135	134
Rubbermaid	27	26
SBC Comms	55	55
Safeco Corp	33	33
St Paul's Cos	56	55
Salomon Inc	35	35
Sara Lee Corp	30	30
Scecorp	18	17
Schering Plough	52	52
Schlumberger	66	66
Seagram	35	35
Sears Roebuck	43	43
Shell Trans	77	77
Sherwin Wlms	40	40
Skyline Corp	20	20
Snap-On-Tools	44	44
Southern Co	25	25
Sprint Corp	40	40
Stanley Works	49	49
Sun Company	26	26
Sun Microsys	39	37
Suntrust	64	64
Supervalu	31	31
Sysco Corp	30	30
TRW Inc	78	78
TOC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	10	10
Tandy Corp	37	38
Teledyne	25	26
Temple Inland	41	42
Tenneco	48	48
Texaco	76	76
Texas Inst	44	42
Texas Utilities	40	40
Textron	77	75
Time Warner	38	38
Times-Mirror A	32	33
Timken	39	39
Torchmark	43	43
Toys R Us	22	22
Transamerica	73	73
Travelers	59	58
Tribune	59	59
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USAir Group	12	12
USF&G Corp	15	15
US Life	31	31
United Tech	92	92
Unocal Corp	29	28
VF Corp	49	50
WMX Tech	29	29
Wal-Mart Stores	22	22
Warner-Lambert	91	91
Wells Fargo	213	210
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Weyerhaeuser	40	41
Whirlpool	52	53
Whitman	22	22
Winn Dixie	36	35
Woolworth	10	10
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	53	52
Xerox	131	130
Yellow Corp	12	11

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

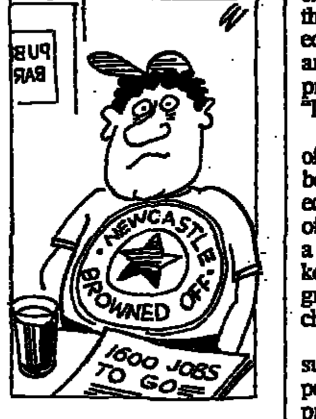
Paradise postponed

A CRUMB of comfort for the creditors of Rom Data Corporation, the failed West Country computer firm being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office and Devon and Cornwall police. John Dawson, a former director of Rom Data, which received an £850,000 DTI regional grant — ie taxpayers' money — has told the *Western Morning News* that he hopes to pay back money owed by writing a novel. The title? *A Shitty Day in Paradise.*

It's not the first time that Dawson has had such literary ambitions. In the early 1980s, after John Dawson Motor (Holdings) collapsed with business and personal debts of nearly £2 million, he told local newspapers he planned to write a book. *Its title? You've guessed it.*

Smoked fare

LUNCHEON was rudely interrupted at Simpson's of Cornhill in the City yesterday when fire broke out in the chimney of the 1767 building at 2.10pm. Nobody was hurt, though 140 diners were obliged to scatter as the Fire Brigade tackled the flames and smoke. "In the old days, we'd just sit at the tables and throw a fire extinguisher at the flames, but that was when we understood the chimney," the sooty manager told me. One passer-by noted that some phlegmatic diners were hardly disturbed at all. "I saw a number of toffs standing outside with port and wine glasses in their hand," my man with a sandwich lunch said.



Audit demon

COOPERS & Lybrand's chosen pantomime this year, at The Mermaid theatre until Saturday, is *Mother Goose*, directed by Coopers' chauffeur Terry Middleton. This is Coopers' tenth annual panto, staged for the benefit of underprivileged children. Some 2,500 youngsters will see the show which features the firm's executive partner for audit, Ed Smith, as Wicked Demon. If only the year-end audit was as much fun.

WHAT'S in a name? The Granada offshoot that yesterday mopped up Forte shares is called Allquiet Trading.

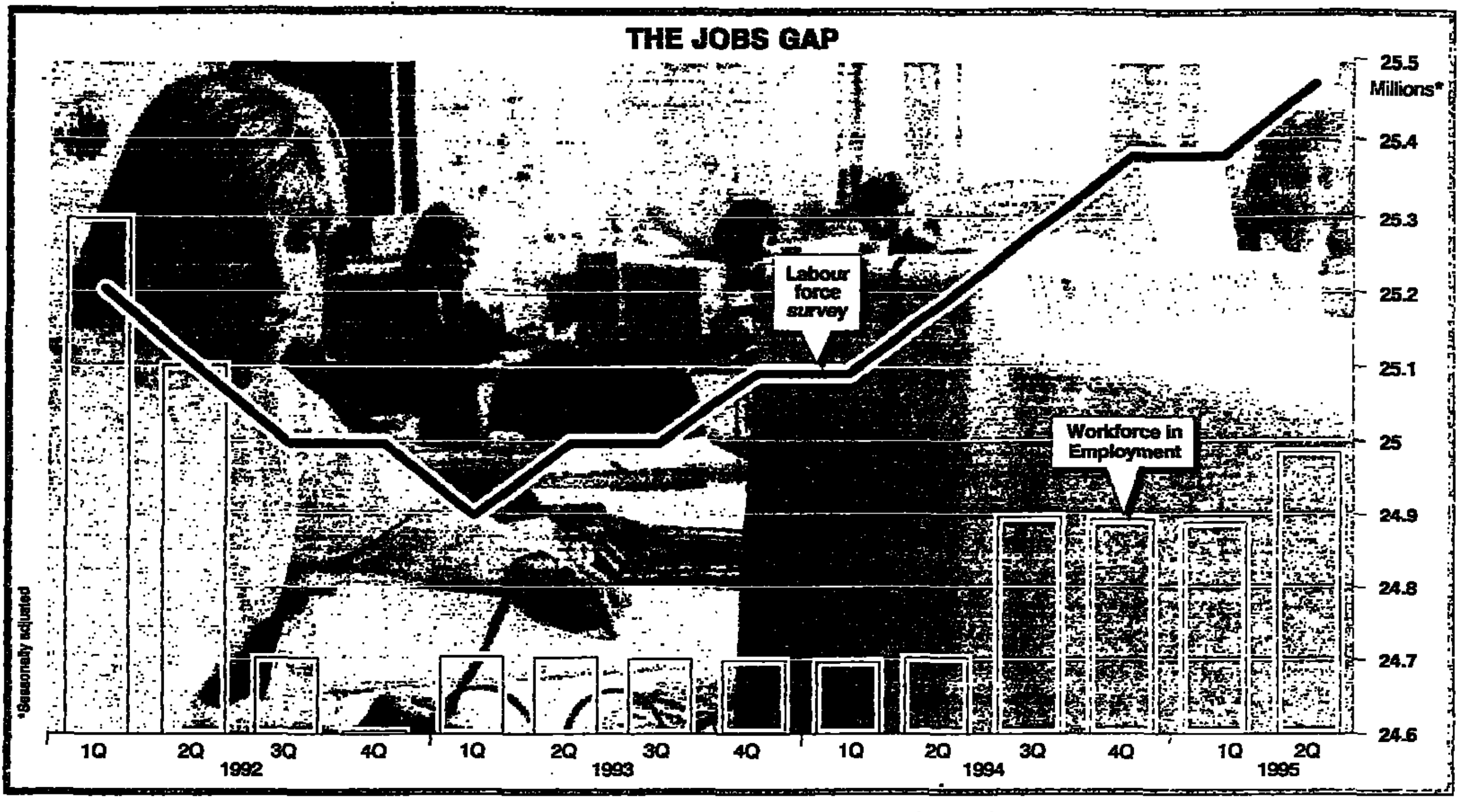
Team deal

FURTHER to a *City Diary* alert last August 10 about drumbeats at Hambros comes news that RBC Dominion Securities, the Royal Bank of Canada's investment banking arm, has acquired Hambros Equities UK, a 15-person mining research and sales team. As if one deal this week wasn't enough, RBC has signed a letter of intent to establish a joint venture with Johannesburg broker Senekal, Mouton and Kitshoff. In best banking tradition, the parties are "mum" on both prices.

Thin cats

WHILE the debate in Britain about a minimum wage rages on, an advert in the *Financial Times* proclaims that a Kazakhstani company has premises available and is able to attract workers of different professions and qualifications "with salaries not exceeding *$3 per hour*".

COLIN CAMPBELL



Will Britain's workforce ever stand up and be counted?

Philip Bassett examines the exasperating problem of conflicting employment figures

How many people work in Britain? Even leaving aside the uncountable numbers working in the unofficial economy, the Government does not *know. Not only does the Government* not know how many people are out of work in the UK, it doesn't even know how many people are in work.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday blundered by pre-empting the Government's announcement today of the latest unemployment figures, letting slip that they will show a further fall. As Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, meet this morning to consider interest rates and monetary policy, ministers know whether the decrease is in line with Whitehall expectations of a drop of up to 15,000.

In addition to new figures on unemployment, the Central Statistical Office will also publish figures on jobs — the first results from its autumn quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS). As well as providing a cross-check on the regular monthly unemployment claimant count, the LFS will give its estimate on the number of people in work.

But in a barely-noticed move last week, the Government admitted that it has no precise idea of the actual level of employment. In a study published by the CSO, Whitehall officials acknowledged that they are unable to explain an undiminishing gap between its two principal measures of employment: a "lost" group of a mere 500,000 people.

Does this matter? Well, yes. In terms of knowing about what is going on in both the labour market and the economy more generally, the number of people in productive work is clearly a key factor. Politically, job growth is a key goal: ministers proclaim the growth in jobs as a key indicator of the claimed success of Government policy.

But such claims are harder to substantiate if it isn't clear how many people are in work. The Government's problems about counting employment began in the summer of 1992. Unemployment was still rising, but it was set to start its long, uninterrupted fall from the end of the year until now — give or take a few revisions to the figures.

The Government measures employment and unemployment in two ways. Just as unemployment is tracked by both the monthly claimant count and the quarterly LFS — the CSO expects by the end of this month to have before it a report recommending the shift to a monthly LFS — so employment is measured by a quarterly survey of a sample of employers, the Workforce in Employment (WiE) series and a quarterly survey of individuals at home by way of the LFS.

Some ministers, such as Eric Forth, Employment and Education Minister, who will detail the Government's response to today's unemployment figures, are sceptical about the LFS, especially as a measure of unemployment.

Eric Forth: sceptical

But Labour figures like Michael Meacher, the Shadow Employment Secretary, believe the LFS gets nearer than the claimant count to a real measure of unemployment in Britain today.

During the 1980s, the Government's two measures of employment showed broadly similar trends. But in the summer of 1992, they began to diverge and seemed to start telling different stories. The main graphic shows the developing jobs gap. According to the WiE, there are 25 million people in work. The LFS, however, says there are half a million more in work.

In 1992, employers in the WiE series said that their employee numbers were falling — an idea reinforced by every large-scale business survey and opinion poll. The WiE numbers bumped along the bottom, only starting to pick up when 18 months of falling unemployment started to feed through into job growth. But at the same time, the LFS figures, as the graphic shows, took a much less severe drop and then started to climb earlier and more sharply. Individuals were claiming to be in work, but employers said they were not.

Such a divergence spelt problems for the Government. In terms of a recovery from the recession of the early 1990s, the LFS told the better story. But it is the WiE which is the principal measure of jobs, used for calculating GDP output and in the national accounts.

Michael Portillo, the then Employment Secretary, now at Defence, asked his statisticians to tell him what was causing the jobs gap and how could it be bridged. He was clearly irritated when *The Times* revealed that the study was likely to prove as much of a problem for ministers than a solution, since it would show that even after taking into account every possible factor, the jobs gap was uncloseable.

With Mr Portillo long gone and the entire Employment Department now scrapped, the Government last week published what it described as a "progress report" on the study. After careful factoring and revisions to the figures, it showed that there still remains what it calls an "unexplained gap" of 500,000 people between the LFS and WiE figures.

Not only is the gap "unexplained", it is now larger than when the problem was first identified and the study commissioned, clearly reflecting job growth but showing equally clearly that the gap shows no sign of going away.

Using government figures, *The Times* today presents computer analyses of the most recent comparable WiE and LFS job figures. The different bases of the two sets of figures means that their actual numbers will not be the same, but if they are in any way telling consistent stories, the direction of growth or decline should be broadly in line.

In fact, *The Times* analysis of the figures over a year to last summer shows that in many cases they are not. The LFS, for instance, shows employment up by 1.2 per cent. WiE figures show a fall of 0.4 per cent. Male employment is rising twice as fast in the LFS than in the WiE, while part-time work is increasing twice as rapidly in the WiE measure compared with the LFS.

LFS employment in the West Midlands is falling, but rising in the WiE, while the reverse is the case in Scotland. Employment in the East Midlands and Yorkshire is going up twice as quickly in the LFS than in the WiE, and the other way round in the North and East Anglia.

Some trends do tally: both sets of data show broadly similar employment growth in manufacturing and the service sector, for instance, in the South East and Greater London, and among women. But the divergence in details of the two measures confirms the Government's conclusion of an "unexplained gap", and in spite of officials' overall preference for the LFS, there is nothing to suggest that one series is more reliable than the other.

Despite the obloquy often poured on their heads, especially over job and jobless figures, Whitehall's statisticians are concerned that the data they supply is as good as it can be, and the unexplained gap is a worry. In an effort to find answers, they are now to talk to their opposite numbers in other countries to try to see if the common practice of two different measures is producing similar conundrums elsewhere.

Whether or not the gap is bridgeable remains to be seen. But its confirmation suggests two inescapable conclusions. Firstly, that in spite of the extensive scrutiny applied to it by way of statistics, the UK labour market remains a complex and protean entity, hard to track and hard to explain.

Secondly, as the on-the-ground experiences of people looking for work and the feelings of job insecurity of those in employment tend to confirm, claims by politicians of any stripe of their ability to create jobs, or of their success in doing so, need to be treated with considerable caution.

ANTHONY HARRIS

German wage push causes Eurosclerosis

Why is the German economy so alarmingly weak? Convention blames the Bundesbank (Anatole Kaletsky concurring), but is this the whole story? A rising exchange rate is not the only way to undermine competitiveness: excessive wage increases are just as deadly, as we once learned; and that is where Günter Rexrodt, the German Economics Minister, puts half the blame. Last year, the German unions secured high settlements, including some multi-year deals which will knock on into 1996 and even 1997. They are also demanding job protection and job creation. Employers look at weak orders, and business surveys show them wringing their hands.

As married readers know, quarrels between partners can be the hardest to resolve. You can't get away from each other, but any would-be peacemaker is liable to get his head bitten off. This is not the first time the German social partners have fallen out, and won't be the last — the congenital weakness of the social market economy. (Or should we now say stakeholder economy?) "Labour market rigidities" were cited to explain most German downturns in the past. But the ERM spread the infection, and led to complications: Germany still choked by excessive costs; but its ERM partners by excessive interest rates. Welcome back to Eurosclerosis.

All this faces the Bundesbank with a sadly familiar dilemma, including one less familiar facet. Domestic conditions demand a squeeze to confront the unions; ERM partners, especially the French, demand easing to help the *franc fort*, the budget and the unemployed. (So do the beleaguered hotel keepers of Klosters, but they don't count.) A solution might be to balance the squeeze with a devaluation — a trick the Bank of England finds quite easy. But even if you want to, how do you devalue when you have a sound trade performance, and a currency the markets regard as perennially strong?

That is a dilemma the Bundesbank may face when industrial peace is restored. America faced it in the mid-1980s, and solved it, with international agreement, with deficits and benign neglect. The Japanese found it insoluble until a short time ago, as the yen went on rising while short interest rates fell nearly to zero. The trouble lies in the capital markets: falling interest rates promise higher bond and equity prices, and so attract investors. It is the same in Europe: as Stephen Lewis points out, the mark hardened a little last week in response to mere hints from Bundesbank officials that rates might fall further. They are left crossing their fingers and praying, vainly, for a strong dollar.

There is a solution, as Tokyo has now shown: cut rates so far that the markets expect the next move to be up, and then sell your own currency ruthlessly — plainly playing with inflationary fire. Even a bold central bank would be afraid to try it except during a deep recession; and the Bundesbank is hardly known for bold inflationary risks. It seems likely that Buba and its fan club are condemned to overvalued currencies until the EMU recession gets much worse. This is not, of course, a German or EU forecast; but London is not the only place where official forecasters go in for wishful thinking.

> The trade unions resist any cut in real wages — which is, after all, their job

All this might still be shrugged off as an awkward corner in European history if the cause was seen as strictly temporary: a trade union reaction to recent rapid growth, or to the one-off costs of German reunification. But this looks like more wishful thinking. The plain fact is that German unions resist any cut in real wages — which is, after all, their job. Recently, it was solidarity costs; but look ahead, and Tigers, not to mention the rising burden of German pensions, loom ever larger.

It will take a new German miracle to adjust to all this without a deep recession. No more glad, confident morning; domestic management is a blinding headache. All this, and EMU too? No wonder that more and more Bundesbank officials, and German voters, are saying "Nein". Not to mention the French unemployed.

Rachel Bridge reports on the long road to Olympic readiness

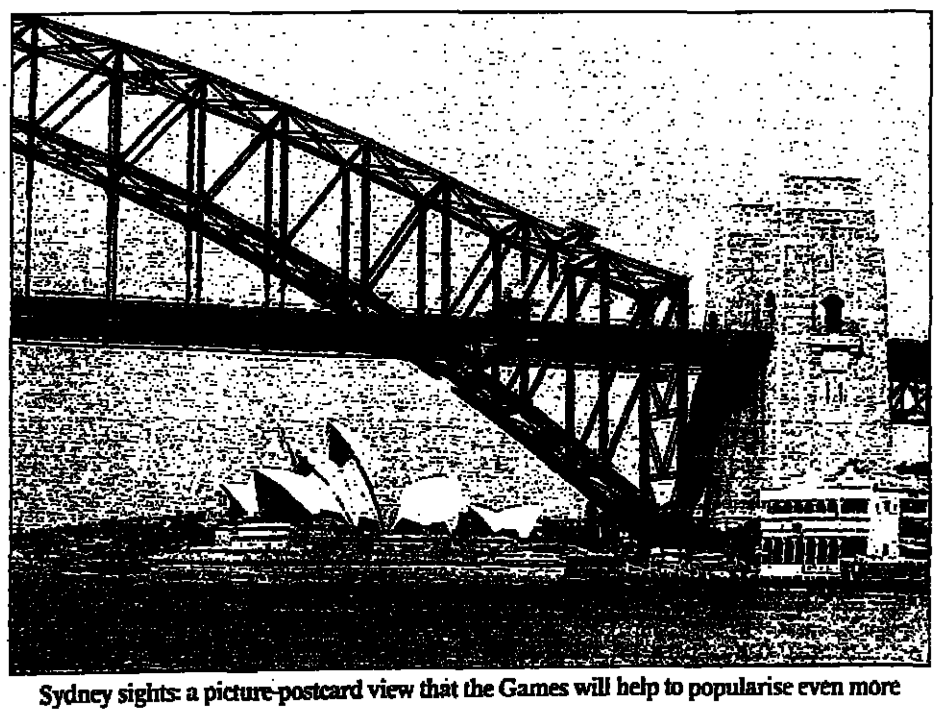
Sydney starts countdown to 2000

While Atlanta prepares to take the world stage as host of the 1996 Olympic Games, Australia is preparing for its own moment of glory — the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

According to Olympic protocol, this year is the earliest that Australia can begin the hard sell of its Games, and deep in the heart of Sydney's business district a team of five is putting the finishing touches to a marketing plan they hope will bring in more than A$1.8 billion (£864 million) in sponsorship deals and licensing agreements over the next year.

The Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games — SOCOG — has already managed to sell the Australian television rights to the Games for $45 million to Australia's Channel Seven and the US television rights to NBC for $715 million, both figures far in excess of what they had budgeted. They have also signed up IBM and Telstra, Australia's telecoms giant, to be key sponsors of the games in a A$100 million deal.

European broadcasting rights are currently the subject of negotiation, with a consortium backed by The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, submitting a bid worth more than $2 billion for the winter and summer Olympics between 2000 and 2008.


Sydney sights: a picture-postcard view that the Games will help to popularise even more

Sydney's challenge for this year is to find a further ten national sponsors from areas such as banking and car manufacturing, who are prepared to put up A$400 million between them. A spokesman for SOCOG says: "The initial response has exceeded all expectations. It is by far the biggest marketing exercise undertaken in Australia. It's a huge, huge request in a country of just 18 million people."

The Australian Tourist Commission is also kicking off a big marketing push this year in a bid to capitalise on the 2000 Games. While only about 100,000 are expected to attend the event, the commission expects the interest it generates to help to boost the number of international visitors from the current 3.5 million a year to 6.3 million by 2000, and 7.6 million by 2003.

A spokeswoman says: "We think that the Olympics is going to be a tremendous drawcard. It will be one of the most watched events ever. It's a chance to get into between three billion and four billion people's homes and show them pictures of Australia."

Tony Thirlwell, chief executive of Tourism New South Wales, says that winning the Olympic bid has already given a huge boost to the lucrative business conference and convention market: "International associations feel confident about choosing Sydney now because it has got the endorsement of the International Olympic Committee."

He says that last year, Sydney won 80 per cent of the bids it tendered to host international conferences, compared with a usual success rate of about 50 per cent before the bonus of the Olympics.

Steven Roberts, economist at UBS Australia, believes the Australian business environment as a whole can only benefit from the greater attention the Olympics will bring. A study by KPMG suggests the Games could add A$7.3 billion to Australia's GDP over ten years and create 150,000 jobs.

However, for the government of New South Wales, which is responsible for preparing the Olympic site, 1996 promises to be a headache of immense proportions as it attempts to secure A$850 million in private-sector investment towards the total cost of A$2.3 billion to provide the facilities for the Games.

Sorting out the Games' centrepiece, an 80,000-seat stadium, has proved so complex the awarding of the tender to one of three private-sector consortia has been delayed until next month and construction is not expected to begin until the end of the year.

The headache is not being helped by a growing clamour from the building industry which says that unless construction of the largest projects is started soon, there could be a critical bottleneck in the next few years that could throw the industry into crisis.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Policyholders should not be made to pay for 'sins' of the life offices

From S. L. Smaller

Sir, I was concerned to read that payouts under with-profits life and pension policies are being frozen or reduced as compared with similar policies maturing a year ago, despite the substantial increase in equity values over the last 12 months.

The reasons offered for this anomalous situation range from over-declaration in past years to the effect of smoothing results to avoid volatility in payouts.

Bonuses under with-profit policies depend primarily on the returns of the funds in which premiums are invested, of which equities form a substantial component. Policyholders have a right to expect fair returns that broadly reflect the results of such investments; indeed their reasonable expectations are enshrined in legislation.

Equity in bonus declaration is a fundamental principle and smoothing is intended to soften the peaks and troughs of stock market movements and not to invert them.

To expect policies maturing now to pay the cost of excessive distributions in the late 1980s when year-on-year increases sometimes exceeded 20% (so much for smoothing) is inequitable and gives policyholders little confidence in the fairness of bonus distribution.

Yours faithfully
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Too early to form a view on bid for Forte

From The Viscount Thurso

Sir, Your article headlined *"Wontners back Forte"* (January 11) misrepresents some of my comments to your correspondent.

Mr Reguly asked me if he could quote me as stating the Wontner interests viewed the bid for Forte "positively".

I denied this request stating that whilst they were "sympathetic" they could not possibly form a view at this stage since no details had been communicated to any shareholder. The general thrust of my comments was that the views of the Wontner interest and charitable trust remained unchanged, and therefore recent press speculation was *inaccurate*.

In the light of the above, I trust that you will put the record straight.

Yours sincerely,
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Gilts & Fixed Int	133.20	141.30†	+0.80	7.08
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Worldwide Bond	293.60	311.30	-0.20	4.50
American Growth	327.80	350.20†	-0.70	0.37
Asian Pacific	335.60	358.90	-0.80	0.14
Assets & Earnings	288.00	308.40	-2.10	2.79
Euro Capital Acc	163.90	175.20	-0.60	0.59
Extra Inc	44.45	47.20†	-0.14	8.50
General	266.30	283.20	+1.70	2.94
Global Opps	61.37	65.23	+0.11	0.46
Japan	126.80	135.60	-0.60	
Managed Inc	47.71	50.76†	+0.05	4.58
Mastertrust	157.70	168.70	-0.50	1.48
US Emerging Cos	165.50	176.10	-1.40	
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European	129.90	135.10	-0.10	..
Exempt	1014.10	1084.00†	+1.40	1.72
Extra Income #	48.18	51.80†	+0.05	6.56
Far East Emg Eco	126.90	133.20	+0.50	0.47
Fixed Interest #	24.03	24.99	-0.04	9.40
Fund Inv Tst	161.10	168.20†	-0.10	9.20
Japan	188.50	197.10	+1.70	
Latin American	52.79	55.29	+0.67	0.88
Pacific	84.80	89.05	+0.52	0.30
Property Share	63.13	66.27†	+0.07	2.85
UK Emerging Cos	68.71	73.57†	+0.06	1.68
UK Growth	49.50	52.42	+0.25	2.24
Aber World Port #	79.22	80.75	+0.49	2.83
Ethical	74.24	77.20†	+0.16	2.38
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Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	263.00	281.10	+3.00	2.77
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Balanced	761.40	813.90†	+7.50	2.44
Accumulation	1462.00	1562.00	-14.00	2.60
Income Trusts				
American Income	57.71	61.68	-0.36	2.89
High Income	435.30	465.30	+5.30	3.32
Equity Income	240.30	256.80†	+2.50	3.24
High Yield	261.50	279.50	+2.60	3.11
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Gilt & Fxd Int	59.34	61.45	-0.21	8.04
Income #	572.70	612.50	+3.30	3.74
Income Builder #	67.58	72.51	+0.40	5.38
Intl Income	68.45	72.82†	-0.30	3.13
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	133.90	142.80	-0.80	2.18
Leisure	152.90	163.50	+0.40	0.91
Recovery	453.10	484.60	-1.10	2.82
Smlr Cos Inc	50.12	53.75	+1.14	2.23
Special Sits	341.60	365.40	+1.60	1.43
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	155.50	165.20	-0.20	0.29
Aust Acc	258.50	296.60	-2.70	1.95
Aust Inc	161.90	172.90†	-1.60	1.35
Euro Grth Inc	170.30	180.80	-1.10	0.63
-do- Accum	183.90	195.20	-1.20	0.63
Japan & Gen Inc	162.00	171.50	+0.50	
-do- Accum	163.90	173.50	+0.60	
Japan Spec Sits	74.22	78.62	-0.05	
Worldwide	187.40	198.90†	-0.20	0.51
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	110.40	116.70	-0.70	
Amer Smlr Cos	137.20	147.10	-2.30	
Convertibles	55.73	59.39†	-0.27	5.40
Eastern	305.20	320.50	-1.50	0.30
Equity Income	90.91	97.40	+0.62	3.80
European Growth	331.00	350.90	-0.50	0.80
Europe	280.30	297.60†	+0.80	1.90
German Growth	82.70	87.73	+0.09	0.50
Global Bond	69.62	72.30†	-0.38	6.50
Global Growth	140.70	149.40	+0.20	0.60
Japan Growth	208.20	221.20	-1.00	
Japan Sumtce	164.60	175.30	-1.30	.
Korea Trust	71.75	73.22	-0.21	
Portfolio	140.50	150.79	-0.10	2.30
-do- Accum	261.70	280.80	-0.20	2.30
UK Growth	91.07	97.39	-0.09	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	84.51	92.21	-0.18	2.56
Select Managers	83.59	89.62	+0.25	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Grth Port Inc	87.02	92.57†	-1.39	
Special Oppor Inc	61.35	66.27	-0.02	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	126.05	133.38	+0.54	1.50
-do- Accum	144.22	152.62	+0.62	1.50
Smaller Cos	124.13	131.35	-0.18	0.70
Higher Yield #	51.77	54.79†	-0.23	4.30
American Gth Inc	83.22	88.07	-1.97	
European Growth	142.75	151.06	-0.93	0.30
-do- Accum	145.56	154.03	-0.95	0.30
Global Bond Inc #	27.86	28.87	-0.05	7.09
Mngd Ptflio Inc	47.64	50.40	-0.05	1.37
-do- Accum	48.86	51.69	-0.10	1.37
Int Spec Opps	140.03	148.18	-0.68	
Pacific Grth	145.35	153.74	-0.47	0.31
UK General #	85.29	90.25†	-0.78	3.22
-do- Accum #	89.72	95.01	-0.92	3.22
Japan	61.33	64.90†	-0.38	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	102.57	105.24	-0.29	3.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	68.19	69.97	+0.07	6.15
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	171.60	182.60†	-0.30	1.77
UK Growth	191.00	203.20	-0.78	2.01
UK Income	144.10	153.20	-0.30	4.25
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	217.50	229.00	-0.90	1.72
-do- Income Dist	118.90	126.10	-0.80	3.97
-do- Accum	374.30	398.80	-2.60	3.97
Gilt & Fxd Inc	42.24	44.78	-0.26	6.07
General Units	232.10	248.20	-1.60	2.06
Bond	179.00	189.50	-0.50	7.08
Intl Growth	234.70	249.60	-0.20	0.22
North American	227.50	242.00	-0.50	0.30
Far East	306.20	327.50	-1.20	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	202.60	216.30	-1.30	1.29
European	30.96	36.62	-0.37	0.67
Japanese Growth	49.00	52.05	-0.23	
High Income	209.30	224.40	-1.80	3.36
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0181 831 7433 Enq 0181 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7466				
American & Gen	184.20	195.00	-0.70	
European Inc	88.42	93.82	+0.07	1.06
Smaller Cos (4-1)	94.17	100.19	+0.40	1.44
Growth	482.20	514.10	-0.60	1.81
Income & Growth #	438.40	466.10†	-4.80	3.86
-do- Accum #	647.90	689.30	-3.40	3.86
Japan & Gen	71.14	75.55	-0.23	
Master Portfolio	£110.49	£114.10†	+41.00	2.14
-do- Accum	£134.59	£139.06	-50.00	2.14
Special Sit	111.70	118.90†	+0.10	1.91
High Yield	£14.29	£14.74	-7.00	4.31

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	95.28	101.63†	-0.58	2.53
American Portfolio	111.21	118.07	+0.70	0.97
European Portfolio	114.17	121.74	+0.37	0.47
High Income	52.61	52.93	-0.21	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	70.33	74.77†	+0.45	
Pacific Portfolio	156.08	166.76	+0.45	1.43
UK Inc & Growth	89.41	95.58	-0.74	2.98
Utility & Bond	50.15	58.79	+0.30	6.52
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	728.34	739.34	-7.89	4.36
Fxd Int Sec	156.55	155.19	-0.75	8.98
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	721.89	732.81	-4.74	4.42
Investment Acc	£32.19	£32.68	-21.28	...
Fixed Int Inc	127.66	128.18	+0.19	8.97
Fixed Int Acc	217.22	218.10	+0.34	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	94.40	99.58		2.99
Beck Bio-Tech	45.86	49.30†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	162.84	178.92†		0.63
City Fin Assets	76.28	80.10	-1.74	2.08
City Fin America	106.17	111.49	.	.
City Fin Intl	89.51	93.99		0.87
City Fin Japan	155.10	162.87†		
Frnds Hse Cap	296.10	320.90†	-0.55	2.28
Frnds Hse Inc	197.00	209.80	-0.13	4.24
Beckley Wrld Grth	138.72	147.04		
Fairmnt Cap Gth	145.34	152.99		
Fairmount Intl	156.39	164.62	.	
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	55.53	58.31†		2.45
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Agents: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.12	60.61	+0.01	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Grth	70.84	75.36	-0.34	
Dragon Growth	72.19	77.20	+0.30	0.67
Equity High Inc	89.63	95.35	+0.55	4.03
-do- Accum	125.28	133.28	+0.76	4.03
Extra Income Inc	26.74	28.16†	+0.09	7.13
Extra Income Acc	28.16	29.65	+0.09	7.13
European Grth	58.98	62.56	-0.04	1.08
Evergreen	29.51	31.56	-0.05	
General Equity	96.78	102.66	+0.77	2.87
Japan Growth	53.16	56.55	+0.16	
Pathgreen Grth	58.17	61.88	+0.44	2.61
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.24	36.43	+0.17	1.54
-do- Accum	36.06	38.36	+0.17	1.54
Retirement Inc #	27.53	29.29	+0.20	5.70
Special Sits	43.64	46.43	+0.46	2.11
UK & Overseas	55.46	58.84	+0.09	0.78
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	76.70	79.89	+0.35	1.90
Balanced	66.86	69.64	-0.37	4.04
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0191 888 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	176.91	188.20	+1.20	4.65
Fixed & Convertible	41.21	43.84†	+0.06	6.72
Monthly Inc Plus	50.29	53.50	+0.19	8.37
Preference Share	47.28	50.30†	+0.16	7.55
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	132.64	141.11†	-0.87	5.76
Managed Fund	74.43	79.18	+0.31	2.97
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	44.13	46.95	+0.02	1.73
-do- Accum	51.37	54.85	+0.02	1.73
UK & General	89.35	95.05	-0.56	2.69
-do- Accum	114.67	121.99	+0.73	2.69
UK Growth	169.19	179.99	+2.11	2.25
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	203.16	216.13	-0.64	0.11
Far Eastern Grth	138.02	146.83	+0.32	
Global Bond	85.36	90.73	+0.12	5.83
Japan Growth	118.44	126.00	+0.45	
North Amer Grth	208.14	221.43	-0.11	
Oriental Growth	84.65	90.05	-0.08	0.06
Worldwide Growth	72.00	76.60	+0.14	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NOW PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.75	92.75	+0.01	5.89
Homemaker Fund	89.03	94.71	+0.50	1.59
Quilter Fund	147.24	158.84	+0.76	1.94
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	33.59	35.99		3.31
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	170.30	181.20	+0.30	1.69
Income	72.19	76.80	+0.41	5.60
European	67.92	72.25	+0.08	0.66
Recovery	168.80	179.60	-0.20	2.13
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	911.40	935.60		3.53
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	95.13	101.20	-0.30	1.48
Income #	272.20	289.50	-1.30	4.13
-do- Accum #	698.00	742.50	-3.30	4.13
Smaller Cos	203.00	215.90†	-0.80	0.98
-do- Accum	250.90	266.90†	+1.00	0.98
Inv Portfolio	93.09	99.03	+0.21	1.51
High Inc Port #	78.70	83.72	+0.36	4.26
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1593.00	1649.40†		.
Japan Small Cos	1266.00	1291.50†		
UK Small Cos	1927.20	2007.70†		.
US Small Cos	1925.10	1966.10		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8818				
Disc Inc	219.40	230.90		2.96
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Grth	306.00	323.20	-0.40	0.65
New Asia	238.90	254.90	-0.40	0.23
Japan Growth	114.60	122.00	-0.70	
Jap Smllr Co	466.20	496.50	+1.40	
Nth Amer	350.40	370.10	-0.30	0.79
UK Inc & Grth	236.80	253.10	+1.80	2.80
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	156.90	165.60†	+0.80	1.61
UK High Inc Inc	166.00	176.50	-1.00	4.08
-do- Accum	220.00	234.00	-1.40	4.08
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.14	63.60†	+0.36	4.91
Environmtl Opps	93.68	99.85	+0.30	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	61.40	65.31	-0.09	0.01
Extra Income Inc	49.15	52.28	+0.15	7.80
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	155.20	164.70	-0.30	0.49
Convertibles #	21.66	23.01†	-0.06	6.08
Equity Income #	136.60	145.10†	+1.20	4.14
EuroFund	54.40	57.70†	-0.14	0.35
Financial	50.92	54.10	+0.23	1.39
Growth & Inc #	268.70	285.50	-2.30	2.91
High Dist #	171.00	181.70	+1.50	4.68
International	430.80	457.50	-1.70	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	101.80	108.50†	-0.10	3.04
Latin American	29.32	31.15	+0.28	
Pacific	86.25	91.65	+0.73	
Pref High Inc	21.90	23.27†	+0.12	7.09
Tokyo	240.70	256.40	-0.60	
UK Smaller Cos	349.00	364.60	-0.30	1.13
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Bill Director Dlgs	101.24	107.82	-1.00	1.38
Growth Acc	242.53	258.53	-0.74	0.76
Income	593.75	631.55	-0.23	5.13
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	219.80	222.80		1.17
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	88.42	93.07	+0.44	1.90
Ethical Tst	45.99	48.41†	+0.06	1.43
Far Eastern	314.91	331.48	+1.90	1.68
High Income	137.22	144.44	+1.05	4.95
Intl Growth	129.33	136.14	+0.52	0.48
North American	132.63	139.61	+0.55	1.57
Pelican	131.34	138.25	+1.46	3.27
Smaller Cos	67.23	70.77†	+0.04	2.95
Special Sits	91.22	96.02	+0.48	3.04
Fd of Inv Tsts	202.93	213.61	+0.51	1.20
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	207.55	220.80	-0.33	1.29
Smaller Cos Acc	367.32	390.77	-0.57	1.29
Recovery	51.76	55.06†	-0.45	1.54
Recovery Acc	53.02	56.40†	-0.46	1.54
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	[illegible]	95.77	+0.08	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	49.45	52.75†	-0.07	0.55
High Income #	39.67	42.51†		10.82
Managed	54.62	59.37	-0.20	
Zero Preference	42.01	44.57†	-0.11	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	82.88	88.16†	-0.360	3.35
Family Income Tst	45.98	45.98†	-0.140	6.34
Family Trust	91.40	97.22†	+0.330	2.47
United Charities	275.10	292.60	+0.600	4.82
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree. Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	22.29	23.37†	+0.12	7.04
Intl Bond	30.40	31.54	-0.02	5.32
Income Funds				
High Income	25.68	26.99†	+0.13	5.34
Income Plus	122.08	129.80	-0.80	4.08
Asian Eq Inc	56.19	59.55†	-0.14	1.49
European Income	46.17	49.10	-0.17	2.34
Far East Inc	66.95	71.16	-0.13	2.31
Global Convertible	24.55	26.09†		2.68
UK Eq Gth	28.14	29.93	+0.18	2.22
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	70.70	75.42	-0.07	
American	295.90	313.60	-1.20	.
Amer Spec Sits	152.90	163.20	-3.80	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.78	39.24	+0.02	
European	201.50	214.30	-0.20	0.53
European Opps	71.54	75.86	-0.80	0.14
Global Fins	29.52	30.33	-0.03	0.74
UK Growth	105.20	111.90	-0.50	1.28
Growth & Inc	150.30	160.40†	-0.40	2.78
Intl PEP	42.84	45.56	-0.01	1.07
Japan Spec Sits	93.26	99.36	-0.36	
Japan	187.79	199.50	-0.60	
Managed Intl	316.20	338.30	-1.10	0.44
MoneyBuilder	60.49	64.32	-0.55	.
Recovery	51.74	55.02	+0.04	1.40
South E Asia	177.80	189.50	-0.80	1.02
Special Sits	610.00	648.60	-1.26	0.71
Specialised Funds				
Cash Accum Units	112.63	112.63†	+0.01	6.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	145.90	143.95		1.38
Inc Plus #	97.15	92.75	+0.39	2.32
Cap Pfolio	155.70	158.30†	+0.60	1.46
General Opps	135.30	137.00		3.39
Growth Inc	34.37	35.65	+0.21	1.33
Private Portfolio	459.30	461.10		1.61
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Euro Smlr Cos	130.30	139.20	-0.30	0.64
Emrg Asian	158.10	169.10	-0.60	
High Income	71.64	73.01	+0.10	9.78
UK Income	116.35	117.70	+0.80	4.25
US Smaller Cos	371.40	396.40		
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.45	82.70	+7.05	4.11
Investment Trust	102.57	107.86	+0.29	.
UK Smaller Cos	92.74	99.57†	-0.02	1.03

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	68.36	72.88	-0.76	
-do- Accum	68.36	72.88	-0.76	
Amer Smlr Cos	597.90	628.80	-7.60	
-do- Accum	600.60	642.30	-7.80	...
Capital Tst	344.70	366.70	+0.50	1.33
-do- Accum	500.60	532.80	+0.80	1.33
Contl Smllr Cos	58.46	62.19	+0.03	0.90
-do- Accum	61.69	65.63	+0.03	0.90
Convertible	133.48	141.90†	-0.50	5.36
-do- Accum	283.00	301.10†	+1.20	5.36
Emerging Markets	67.75	72.38†	+0.40	..
-do- Accum	67.98	72.63	-0.37	
European	130.20	137.90	-0.20	0.20
-do- Accum	137.00	145.10	-0.10	0.20
Extra Income	363.20	386.40	-3.10	3.77
-do- Accum	565.20	601.30	+3.30	3.77
Financial	149.30	158.80	-0.50	0.49
-do- Accum	158.00	168.10	-0.50	0.49
Gilt Inc	65.76	67.79	+0.60	5.91
-do- Accum	96.84	99.83	+0.88	5.91
Health Fund Inc	235.80	251.90	+1.50	.
-do- Accum	235.80	251.90	+1.50	
Income & Growth	213.00	226.60	+1.30	3.09
-do- Accum	333.00	354.30	+2.30	3.09
Intl Growth	399.30	426.10	-1.80	
-do- Accum	443.40	473.20	-2.00	..
Japan & Gen	183.70	195.60	-0.60	
-do- Accum	185.60	197.60	-0.60	.
Monthly Inc #	179.30	190.70†	+0.50	3.68
Managed Port Inc	114.20	121.30	+0.30	1.80
-do- Accum	122.30	128.70		2.00
Quarterly Income #	54.36	57.83	-0.21	4.69
-do- Accum #	60.27	64.12	-0.25	4.69
Recovery	349.20	373.50†		0.69
-do- Accum	412.30	441.00†		0.69
UK Growth	60.73	64.61	+0.26	2.24
-do- Accum	64.37	68.48	+0.28	2.24
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	53.60	57.02	-0.16	0.61
FP Am Smlr Cos	171.80	183.70	-1.20	
FP Asian Growth	285.80	305.60†	-0.10	.
FP Australian	378.00	405.50	+3.40	
FP Equity Dist	421.50	448.30	+2.40	2.64
-do- Accum	913.80	972.10	+5.20	2.64
FP Euro Gth	250.00	265.90	-1.50	0.13
-do- Accum	271.70	289.00	-1.60	0.13
FP Intl Bond	62.15	65.76	-0.16	4.58
FP Intl Gth Dist	36.11	38.53	-0.01	0.44
-do- Accum	52.72	56.26	+0.02	0.44
FP Pac Basin Acc	221.80	237.00	+0.60	
FP Income	56.59	60.36†	+0.41	5
-do- Accum	191.30	204.00	+1.40	5
FP Jap Smllr Cos	310.70	331.40	+1.80	.
FP Monthly Dist	74.14	79.12†	+0.33	5.12
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†		6
FP Tokyo	84.09	89.89	+0.25	
FP UK Focus	39.54	42.51	-0.36	2.53
FP UK Growth	186.30	198.70†	+1.10	2.64
-do- Accum	369.70	394.30	+2.18	2.64
Stewardship Dist	380.30	404.50	+0.50	1.82
-do- Accum	473.30	503.50	+0.70	1.82
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	77.03	81.94	+0.25	4.61
-do- Accum	102.60	109.10	+0.30	4.61
N Am Stshp Dist	112.70	119.80	-0.70	1.00
-do- Accum	120.70	128.40	-0.80	1.00
FPAM Inst UK Sm Co	95.50	100.00		
do Accum	95.50	100.00		
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	119.50	127.10	+0.10	1.12
Open Cap Gth Acc	123.50	131.30	-0.10	0.09
Cap Gth Inc Inc	114.50	121.80	+0.20	2.43
Cap Gth Inc Acc	118.50	126.00	+0.20	2.42
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	117.60	125.10		3.36
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	122.20	130.00	-0.10	3.36
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	266.50	281.80	+1.40	2.19
Cash	49.72	50.46		5.27
Growth Portfolio	84.90	90.00†	-0.08	0.97
Income Portfolio	68.74	72.70	+0.34	4.23
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	213.50	228.30	-0.60	1.99
Dividend	94.86	101.50	+0.20	4.70
Int Gilt & Inc	233.20	249.40†	-0.50	3.14
UK & Gen	48.64	52.02	+0.40	1.96
Fund of Funds	70.66	75.57	-0.01	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	227.50	243.40	-0.80	
European	604.40	643.20	-6.90	0.30
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	52.95	56.27	+0.07	4.82
-do- Accum	57.64	61.25	+0.08	4.82
Far East & Gen	275.70	294.90†	+0.10	
Germany	122.00	129.30	-0.30	
High Yield #	50.64	53.52	-0.31	7.94
-do- Accum #	53.19	56.21	-0.32	7.94
Income Inc	172.80	184.90	-0.80	4.25
-do- Accum	190.70	204.00	-0.90	4.25
International	359.60	384.10	-0.20	
Intl Income	91.74	97.13†	-0.06	2.97
Japan & General	449.60	478.60	-0.50	
Korean Securities	61.41	65.68	-0.37	
Orient Acc	157.00	168.00	-0.30	0.20
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.13	48.27†	+0.11	4.40
-do- Accum	50.79	54.32	+0.11	4.40
UK Capital Inc	180.30	192.90	-0.80	1.35
UK Capital Acc	317.90	340.00	-1.20	1.35
UK Spec Sits	93.78	100.30	+0.10	1.29
US & General	177.80	183.20	-0.60	
Wwide Spec Sits	156.30	166.80	-0.60	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	56.57	60.40	-0.18	1.84
Cash Trust	141.98	141.98†	+0.02	5.99
Practical Inv Inc #	120.75	129.14	+0.15	2.62
-do- Accum #	283.38	303.08	-0.34	2.62
UK Index	158.84	169.69	+0.87	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	150.82	161.31	-0.14	0.72
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.54	25.43†	-0.27	7.55
High Income	34.43	36.82	-0.19	5.11
UK Equity Income	150.83	161.32	-0.69	3.04
Global Bond	30.93	32.06†	-0.01	5.62
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.62	48.79	-0.21	
Global Managed	144.58	153.75	-0.28	1.57
Gold & Intl Res	117.02	125.16	-2.35	0.90
Global Utilities	142.95	152.67†	+0.43	1.69
Overseas Funds				
American	170.95	181.82	-1.27	0.95
European	121.57	128.78	-0.18	0.92
Euro Sel Opps	180.65	191.62	-0.16	.
Amer Emerging	130.28	139.34†	+0.28	
Hong Kong	160.03	171.13	+0.68	1.88
Japan	253.26	268.87	+1.54	
Pacific Growth	228.08	243.94	-0.02	
Gartmore Pension Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	239.10	239.10†	+0.75	2.11
Long Term Bal	282.06	282.06†	+4.16	3.08
Med Term Bal	217.41	217.41†	-1.28	3.16
UK Equity	272.50	272.50	+1.13	2.58
UK Emerging Cos	157.81	157.81†	+0.11	2.10
American	284.65	284.65	-1.59	1.25
Japan	136.45	136.45	+1.09	
European	314.17	314.17	-0.45	1.03
Index Linked Gilt	180.89	180.89†	-0.23	2.70
Fixed Interest	174.26	174.26	-1.27	6.29
Amer Emerging	206.25	206.25	-2.37	
Pacific	253.19	253.19†	+0.33	0.75
Emerging Mkts	127.63	127.63	-0.79	0.69
Index Strat Japan	155.93	155.93†	+0.73	0.13
-do- Pacific Rim	205.13	205.13†	-0.67	1.36
-do- Cont Europe	175.30	175.30†	-0.22	1.92
Index Strat USA	168.26	168.26†	-0.16	1.86
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	112.49	119.67	+0.32	
Med Term Bal	104.37	111.02	-1.51	
Long Term Bal	117.61	125.12	-1.38	
UK Equity	126.07	134.11	+0.55	
UK Emerging Cos	73.81	78.51	+0.05	
American	131.13	139.50	-1.62	
Japan	65.25	69.41	-0.35	
European	130.22	138.53	-0.25	
Fixed Interest	88.87	94.53	-0.69	
Index Linked Gilt	80.19	85.31	-0.14	
Deposit	84.39	89.77	-0.07	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	154.23	162.35	-3.22	0.52
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	69.76	73.63	-0.61	0.66
-do- Inc Port Inc	90.35	93.70	-0.46	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	58.35	61.58		0.15
Shaw Utilities	63.90	67.44	-0.27	1.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	530.95	528.67		1.55
-do- Accum	687.71	719.23		1.55
European Inc	164.23	174.37	+0.12	0.54
Amalgam Inc	159.62	166.85	-1.15	0.41
N America Inc	356.81	379.59		...
Far East Inc	383.16	413.94		.
-do- Accum	403.14	428.85		
UK Cndc Inc	131.35	210.56		3.21
COVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7383				
UK Equity Inc	98.13	104.94	-0.45	4.25
UK Small Cos	59.61	63.75	-0.13	...
British Growth	65.93	70.50	-0.75	2.44
American Grth	225.64	241.32	[illegible]	
Japan Gwth	68.33	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Greater China	169.37	[illegible]	+1.13	0.56
Pacific Strategy	161.56	172.73	+0.33	0.55
European Grth	97.78	104.49†	-0.74	0.59
Intl Growth	157.66	168.61	-0.62	
US Index (£)	16.5581	17.4464	-0.3221	1.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	84.16	90.00	-1.55	2.13
Monthly Income	40.67	43.34†	+0.12	6.30
MIG Unit Trust Dealing: 0171 865 0033				
Cnd UK Index (£)	13.6503	14.4106	-0.2291	5.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	99.10	105.42		1.45
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 8868				
European	541.20	578.10	-2.30	[illegible]
Gilt & Fixed	134.40	142.50	+0.30	[illegible]
Growth Equity	389.10	415.70	-1.90	
Income Trust	144.90	154.80	-1.30	3.45
International	203.90	217.80	-0.30	0.68
Japan Trust	133.60	142.70	-2.30	
Nth American	329.00	347.80	-1.50	
Pacific	594.10	634.70	-1.30	0.11
Guardhill	591.10	631.50	-2.60	1.47
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	109.68	113.54	-3.08	[illegible]
Global High Inc	104.81	108.79	-0.41	5.69
Corporate Bond	106.82	109.65	-0.32	6.52
Eqty & Bond Inc	108.97	115.26†	-0.25	5.12
European Growth	115.73	123.06	[illegible]	
Intl PEP Trust	67.63	71.90	[illegible]	
Equity Inc	133.36	141.63	[illegible]	4.15
-do- Accum	139.54	147.53	[illegible]	4.14
Recovery	340.60	362.10	-0.56	2.35
-do- Accum	399.20	424.40	-0.66	2.35
Strategic High Inc	136.81	129.71	-2.60	1.51
UK Emerg Cos	271.40	288.45		1.95
UK Smlr Cos	382.10	389.80†	-2.90	2.37
Glob Prv Tst	104.79	111.31	-0.35	1.15
-do- Accum	106.74	113.43	+0.46	1.15
Inc Share Tst	89.54	95.21†	+0.14	7.93
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	30.17	31.99	[illegible]	1.50
Growth Acc	30.56	32.40	[illegible]	2.00
Income	29.57	31.35†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Acc	30.53	32.40	[illegible]	4.15
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	102.30	105.50	-0.60	6.96
Mortar Ptflio	228.70	242.20	+1.20	2.51
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	349.97	374.96	-1.51	[illegible]
Best of Britain	69.25	73.61	-0.32	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	137.62	147.34	-0.60	1.55
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	356.19	375.43†	+1.50	3.82
-do- Accum #	820.44	873.78	[illegible]	3.62
High Income	331.75	354.63†	-0.30	4.37
Extra Income #	[illegible]	311.99†	-1.44	5.77
Pref & Bond	47.84	49.14†	-0.84	8.52
International				
International	305.04	324.54	-1.24	
Global Bond	58.32	61.41†	-0.17	5.61
Inc Port Ic	92.99	99.45†	-0.33	6.49
Global Tech	222.62	238.28	-4.31	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	188.02	201.08†	-0.94	[illegible]
European	158.13	158.96	-0.78	[illegible]
European Income #	89.66	94.34	-0.01	2.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	162.41	173.44	-0.20	0.67
Eur Sp Sits	79.41	84.63	+0.23	1.24
-do- Accum	85.06	90.66	+0.25	1.24
Japan Trust	235.34	250.83†	+1.97	.
Japan Special Sits	233.59	249.10	+0.51	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	240.37	257.19	+0.62	
North American	281.35	298.65†	-0.65	..
American Satellite	141.53	151.29	-1.02	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	111.78	117.04	+0.53	1.83
Capital	195.08	204.25	-0.64	1.26
Dollar	425.57	445.62	-2.48	...
Enterprise Gth	371.40	388.90	-0.11	1.39
European	260.83	273.12	+0.24	0.45
Far East	331.28	346.88	-0.10	..
Financial	965.95	£10.11	+4.73	1.81
Gilt & Fxd Inv Inc	26.29	27.35†	+0.08	6.46
High Yield	108.80	113.92	+0.69	3.61
Income & Growth	157.16	164.56	+1.08	3.07
International	285.59	299.04†	+0.07	
Japanese General	224.07	234.63	+0.55	.
Japan Tech	95.74	100.25	+0.41	
Nat Resources	82.99	86.90	-0.08	.
Portfolio	80.76	84.57	-0.19	1.36
Special Sits	177.65	186.02	-0.41	0.73
UK Emerging Cos	106.12	111.12†	+0.22	0.99
US Smaller Cos	121.28	126.98	-0.41	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 869 Investors 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	110.90	118.40†	+0.60	6.35
Capital	667.10	711.98	+3.40	2.07
Income #	604.80	645.50†	+4.00	6.56
Footsie Fund	61.22	61.53†	+0.39	3.08
Trade Index	116.18	118.30	+0.20	2.38
UK Index	156.20	157.00†	+0.08	3.52
International Funds				
American Growth	564.10	608.10	-1.70	0.45
American Index	252.18	253.40	-0.50	1.33
European Growth	129.70	138.20†	-0.30	0.18
Eurotrack 100	185.59	186.40		1.04
Global Bond	22.99	24.29†	+0.02	5.69
Japan Growth	297.60	317.30	-1.60	
Japan Index	83.51	83.93	+0.57	0.19
Japan Smllr Cos	33.78	36.05	+0.35	..
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	66.25	70.70†	+0.05	0.16
Hong Kong Grth	126.20	134.70	+0.90	1.19
Spore & Mlysn Gth	85.66	91.42	-2.04	
Tiger Index	216.70	217.80		0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	42.25	43.92	+0.17	0.58
General Funds				
Managed Dist	81.55	84.77	-0.75	1.32
Managed	83.30	86.59	-0.77	1.32
Report Chdr Fnd	96.30	109.10	+0.63	2.10
UK Growth	67.16	69.81	+0.40	2.05
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	85.00	88.36†	-1.70	6.69
Gilt & Fixed Int	27.40	28.27†	-0.97	7.77
UK Inc & Grth	44.75	46.52	+0.30	3.30
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overseas Funds				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Amer Smllr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Europe Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	194.10	201.30	-0.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	35.86	37.28	-0.08	
French Growth	87.01	90.43	+0.13	0.34
-do- Accum	93.35	97.02	+0.15	0.34
H Kong & China	92.44	96.09†	+0.94	1.21
Intl Growth	64.65	67.20	+0.24	0.31
-do- Accum	65.56	68.15	+0.25	0.31
Japan Gth	33.88	35.22	+0.36	
-do- Accum	33.88	35.22	-0.36	.
Japan Smaller Cos	39.73	41.30	+0.12	
Glob Emg Mkts	97.93	101.80	+0.30	
-do- Accum	98.63	102.50	+0.39	
SE Asia	357.00	371.10	+1.60	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	57.00	58.72	+0.09	5.89
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc	99.93	105.49	+0.90	4.74
Sector Value Cwth	100.20	105.70	+0.90	1.89
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	204.90	217.90	-0.30	
Income #	190.79	202.96†	+1.69	4.21
UK Growth	74.63	79.38†	+0.18	0.44
International	83.65	88.98†	-0.65	0.67
Ecology	92.43	98.33	+0.12	1.09
European	149.43	158.91	-0.65	
Far Eastern	315.30	335.40	-2.00	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.50	105.00†	-0.50	7.33
Gilt Yield	121.00	127.60†	-0.70	6.68

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Global Income	228.40	243.00	-1.80	3.56
High Yield	146.80	156.20†	+0.40	5.74
-do- Accum	467.30	497.10†	+1.30	5.74
Smlr Cos Div	57.09	60.73	-0.35	2.82
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	125.90	133.90	-0.80	.
Asian Growth	351.90	374.40	-0.10	0.22
-do- Accum	413.60	440.00	-0.10	0.22
North American	95.07	101.10†	-0.24	0.26
European Special	117.90	125.40	-0.10	0.10
European	167.70	178.40†	-0.30	0.46
-do- Accum	221.10	235.20†	-0.30	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	116.40	123.50	-0.50	2.09
Japan	434.90	462.70	-0.40	
Japanese Special	236.90	251.10	-0.40	
Smaller Cos	125.60	134.70†	+0.60	1.13
UK Equity Growth	45.94	48.87	-0.38	1.51
UK Index Trk	315.30	316.90	-2.20	3.43
Eurotrack Tst	104.50	112.90	-2.20	2.74
-do- Accum	104.50	112.90	-2.20	2.74
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	295.60	303.89	+2.10	5.09
Inc & Growth Inc	59.53	63.32†	+0.50	4.31
Smaller Cos	72.47	77.10	-0.15	1.31
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	274.90	292.49†	-1.20	1.84
High Income	110.90	117.90†	+0.30	4.41
International	111.10	118.10		0.51
European Trust	93.66	98.98	-0.24	0.65
Japanese Trust	43.87	46.67	-0.26	
American Trust	102.60	109.10	-0.70	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 588 2721				
UK Cap	417.30	443.20	+1.20	2.21
UK Acc Cap	449.00	476.40	+2.50	2.93
UK Income	312.30	331.40	+1.70	3.62
UK Smr Cos	268.60	285.10	-0.60	1.73
Euro Smls	149.50	158.20	+0.40	
N Amer Grth	109.40	116.00	-0.70	0.21
Japan Growth	68.03	72.18	-0.27	
Money Mkt	129.133	129.133	...	0.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	543.30	578.00	-3.00	2.35
-do- Accum	612.96	651.66	-6.00	2.35
Equity Income #	102.20	109.90†	-0.50	4.79
UK Fixed Int Trust	63.27	67.24†	+0.62	4.31
European	134.19	142.70	-0.10	1.56
Far Eastern	231.20	245.60	-0.10	
Fixed Interest	54.19	57.65†	-0.17	7.94
Gilt	92.76	98.37	+0.53	6.01
Global Growth	80.93	86.10	+0.19	0.80
Intl Bond	56.55	60.01	+0.13	5.00
Japanese	75.62	80.45	+0.15	
North American	187.00	198.90	+0.10	0.56
Pacific Growth	118.50	126.13	+0.20	0.33
UK Index	71.43	75.01	+0.35	2.49
UK Recovery	104.20	110.90	-0.60	1.99
UK Smaller Cos	140.98	149.90†	-0.10	1.48
US Index	74.43	79.55†	-0.05	1.48
European Index	86.36	91.14	-0.07	2.13
Japan Index	42.45	45.13	+0.26	
Asia Index	90.65	96.78	+0.25	1.49
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 422 6475 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	53.97	57.30	-0.27	2.15
Income	61.74	66.03	+0.38	3.05
Far East	57.55	61.55	-0.15	
North American	118.10	125.70	-1.80	
Global	106.80	114.20	-0.40	0.19
European	95.07	101.60	-0.30	0.64
Japan	108.40	115.90	-0.80	
Intl Currency Bd	62.94	68.72	+0.02	4.19
SE Asia	113.70	121.50	-0.29	
UK Cap Growth	97.43	104.20	-0.60	1.69
Recovery Trust	75.21	80.00	-0.09	1.29
Managed	72.96	77.61	-0.11	0.63
Cash	51.56	51.56		5.13
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	375.97	399.90	-2.70	2.70
-do- Accum	877.20	933.20	-6.40	2.70
Cont Euro Gth	73.24	77.91	-0.66	0.88
-do- Accum	77.92	82.97	-0.72	0.88
Extra Inc	272.80	290.30	+1.30	4.13
-do- Accum	733.50	780.50	+3.60	4.13
FTSE 100 Inc	113.90	121.20	+0.60	2.64
FTSE 100 Acc	115.96	123.30	-0.80	2.64
Europe Gth	137.30	145.20	-0.20	
-do- Accum	144.60	153.30	-0.20	..
Growth Fund	619.30	655.50	+10.90	0.10
-do- Accum	637.30	678.00	+11.10	0.10
High Interest Inc	99.29	105.90†	+0.30	7.67
High Interest Acc	103.40	104.10	+0.40	7.67
N Recovery Inc	107.40	114.30	+0.40	6.55
N Recovery Acc #	111.70	118.90	+0.40	6.55
Income	525.10	558.60	+3.20	3.52
-do- Accum	814.57	816.50	+0.90	3.52
Income Fnd	550.60	585.80	+2.80	4.45
-do- Accum	648.00	688.30	+3.00	4.45
Japan Growth	112.50	119.70		..

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	112.80	120.20	..	
Master Trust	64.03	68.17†	-0.61	1.21
-do- Accum	72.74	77.39	-0.60	1.21
N American Gen	224.90	239.90	+1.10	0.57
-do- Accum	260.00	276.70	+1.20	0.57
NAm Smr Co Rec	170.70	181.70	-0.80	.
-do- Accum	174.20	185.40	+0.80	..
Pacific Basin	277.60	295.40	-1.20	0.04
-do- Accum	294.90	313.80	-1.40	0.04
Small Cos Rec	429.30	451.90	-12.80	1.73
-do- Accum	584.70	615.50	-17.30	1.73
UK Eq Gth	151.80	160.70	-1.20	2.80
UK Eq Inc	123.10	131.00	+0.70	4.14
UK Growth	95.22	101.36†	+0.40	2.09
-do- Accum	118.30	125.90	+0.50	2.09
Worldwide Gth	354.40	377.10	+3.90	..
-do- Accum	523.80	557.30	+5.70	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	78.70	84.22	-0.51	0.40
General	99.40	106.65	+0.47	2.50
Income	69.34	74.38	+0.45	5.40
International	72.09	77.34	-0.13	0.40
Japan	81.63	88.01	+0.3	.
Tst of Inv Trusts	73.15	78.48	+0.07	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	476.70	504.10	-0.20	0.46
-do- Accum	595.10	629.20	-0.30	0.46
Amer Recovery	522.10	552.10	-2.20	0.58
-do- Accum	601.50	636.10	-2.60	0.58
Amer Smlr Cos	144.00	152.30†	-1.20	
-do- Accum	147.10	155.60†	-1.30	
Australasian	177.50	187.70	+1.10	2.40
-do- Accum	219.10	231.70	+1.50	2.40
Capital	909.20	961.50	+5.40	2.97
-do- Accum	1054.50	1115.10	+3.90	2.97
Charifund	737.70	745.10	+4.80	5.80
-do- Accum	3626.40	3662.70	+23.50	5.80
Commodity	447.10	472.80	+0.80	0.39
-do- Accum	658.50	698.40	+1.20	0.39
Compound Gth	1040.50	1100.30	+8.40	2.89
-do- Accum	1119.50	1183.80	+9.00	2.89
Dividend	44.10	46.60	+0.30	4.30
-do- Accum	192.00	203.20	+1.50	4.30
Equity Income	344.70	364.50	+0.30	4.98
-do- Accum	457.50	483.80	+0.50	4.98
Euro & General	567.30	599.90†	+1.60	1.48
-do- Accum	723.60	765.10†	+2.00	1.48
Euro Dividend	80.00	84.60	-0.19	3.62
-do- Accum	98.60	104.30	-0.28	3.62
Extra Yield	447.00	472.70	+3.70	4.97
-do- Accum	1447.70	1531.20	+12.30	4.97
Far Eastern	382.70	404.70	-0.80	0.32
-do- Accum	510.40	539.80	-1.00	0.32
Fund of Inv Tsts	677.30	716.20	+0.30	1.64
-do- Accum	1285.80	1360.00	+0.80	1.64
General	85.30	89.10†	+0.40	3.81
-do- Accum	189.90	201.00†	+1.10	3.81
Gilt Income	63.18	63.27	+0.45	8.80
-do- Accum	183.38	183.61	+1.29	8.80
Gold	77.00	81.40†	+0.30	0.54
-do- Accum	91.50	98.70†	+0.40	0.54
High Income	31.40	33.20†	+0.20	4.80
-do- Accum	131.20	138.80†	+0.90	4.80
Intl Growth	87.30	92.30	+0.19	0.81
-do- Accum	153.40	162.20	+0.20	0.81
International Inc	109.70	116.00	+0.40	4.53
-do- Accum	169.60	179.40	+0.60	4.53
Japan & Gen	43.00	45.50	-0.20	..
-do- Accum	46.10	48.80	-0.38	
Japan Smlr Cos	149.70	158.30	-0.60	
-do- Accum	150.80	159.40	-0.70	...
Managed Gwth	25.60	27.00†	+0.10	1.79
Managed Income	29.40	30.99†	+0.10	4.22
Midland	58.70	62.10	-0.50	3.71
-do- Accum	201.90	213.20	-1.90	3.71
Pension Ex	1024.80	1050.50	+6.20	4.33
Recovery	45.20	47.80†	+0.20	2.74
-do- Accum	76.00	80.40†	+0.30	2.74
Second General	72.60	76.80†	+0.30	3.66
-do- Accum	194.50	205.70†	+0.90	3.66
Smaller Cos	70.40	74.50		3.27
-do- Accum	142.00	150.20		3.27
Sterling Hi Inr	25.66	25.76†	+0.15	7.30
Treasury	25.13	25.17†		6.28
Trustee	42.40	44.80	+0.20	4.48
-do- Accum	177.50	187.70	+0.80	4.48
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	91.35	97.18	+0.07	1.37
Intl Bond	68.35	71.80	.	5.58
Intl Equity Growth	80.93	86.03	+0.08	0.68
N Amer Growth	119.69	127.14	-0.47	0.84
Special Sits Growth	24.46	25.82	+0.12	2.16
UK Growth	420.70	447.55	+2.15	2.71
-do- Accum	563.87	598.86	+2.87	2.71
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1427.70	1451.30	..	2.90
Income #	1027.40	1045.50†	.	4.10
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	158.70	163.00		3.71
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 866				
M & S Inv Ptflio	168.60	177.50†	+0.45	2.12
-do- Accum	197.88	208.30†	-0.45	2.12
UK Sel Ptflio	147.60	155.40†	+0.78	2.44
-do- Accum	175.40	184.60†	+0.78	2.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	75.00	79.78	.	3.55
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	80.18	85.12†	+0.19	4.03
European	95.18	101.00	-0.30	0.81
Income #	80.55	85.51	+0.31	4.94
Nth American	81.28	86.28	-0.29	0.43
Far East	179.40	190.40	-0.50	0.05
Japan	61.72	65.52	-0.01	
Emrgng Mkts	88.48	94.63	-1.39	0.02
Intl Growth	124.20	131.80	+0.20	0.50
UK Growth	109.30	115.00	-0.30	2.64
UK Smlr Co	53.12	56.39	-0.02	1.66
Asian Opps Fd	39.92	42.70	+0.09	0.42
Glob Gwth PEP	57.42	60.95	+0.07	0.77
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	97.47	103.70	+0.02	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	461.19	490.63	+3.04	3.62
Global Inc	76.11	80.97	+0.41	3.45
Bus Leaders	394.64	419.83	+4.00	1.67
Intl Leaders	216.98	230.83	+0.32	1.35
FAM Mg Bal Gth	69.70	72.42	-0.15	0.72
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	239.30	252.50		
-do- Accum	256.30	270.00	+0.100	..
American Opps	104.00	110.90	-1.50	..
-do- Accum	105.30	112.30	-1.60	
British Blue Chip	90.11	95.69	+0.670	2.51
-do- Accum	114.00	121.00	+0.800	2.51
Cash	101.20	101.20	.	6.25
-do- Accum *	143.70	143.70		6.25
Emerging Mkts	115.50	124.20	-0.50	0.11
-do- Accum	116.20	124.90	-0.70	0.17
European Growth	275.40	292.20	-2.20	0.15
-do- Accum	298.80	317.10	-2.30	0.15
European Income	90.67	96.23†	-0.28	2.98
-do- Accum	127.50	135.00†	-0.30	2.98
General	560.70	597.00	-2.100	2.08
-do- Accum	1119.00	1190.00	+4.000	2.08
Global Bond	136.30	143.20	-0.400	5.15
-do- Accum	171.80	180.40	+0.500	5.15
Gold & Exempt	239.90	258.00	-2.30	0.35
-do- Accum	247.80	266.40	-2.50	0.35
Govt Securities	95.01	97.96†	-0.510	5.99
-do- Accum	194.30	200.30†	+1.060	5.99
High Yield Bd	102.30	104.90†	+0.500	6.90
-do- Accum	103.70	106.30†	+0.400	6.90
Income	173.90	184.60	+1.200	3.97
-do- Accum	279.90	297.40	+1.800	3.91
Inc Portfolio #	105.40	112.70†	+0.300	4.90
-do- Accum #	112.50	119.20†	-0.400	4.90
Intl Opps	512.70	546.90†	-1.00	0.16
-do- Accum	690.00	736.00†	-1.40	0.16
Japan	180.30	190.90†	-0.700	
-do- Accum	185.10	196.00†	+0.700	
New Europe	203.80	217.20	+0.200	0.93
-do- Accum	209.90	223.90	+0.200	0.93
Pacific	122.80	130.80	+0.200	0.78
-do- Accum	131.50	140.30	-0.200	0.78
Recovery	381.50	395.60	+1.300	0.67
-do- Accum	468.80	503.10	+1.600	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	58.27	61.22	-0.130	0.81
-do- Accum	67.66	72.17	+0.150	0.81
Portfolio	98.44	95.00	+0.400	2.40
-do- Accum	108.90	115.60	+0.500	2.40
Managed Gth	110.80	115.98†	+0.300	1.11
Managed Inc	114.30	118.60†	+0.400	3.05
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Euroground Plus	129.94	138.23	-0.62	0.17
Portfolio	75.36	80.17†	-0.38	1.50
UK Income Inc	85.35	90.80	+0.43	4.79
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	69.88	68.98	+0.21	2.63
-do- Accum	71.49	74.75	+0.22	2.63
British Tst	97.92	102.58	-0.50	2.00
-do- Accum	114.90	120.30	-0.70	2.00
Extra High Inc	70.19	73.50†	+0.25	6.63
-do- Accum	143.80	150.50†	-0.50	6.63
FT-SE 100 Acc	63.69	66.69†	+0.42	2.90
FT-SE 100 Dist	61.02	63.89†	+0.40	2.90
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.94	58.76	+0.33	6.58
-do- Accum	174.60	181.00	+1.00	6.58
High Yield	232.20	243.10	+1.80	6.17
-do- Accum	613.10	641.90	-2.70	6.17
Income	318.00	324.60	-1.90	4.37
-do- Accum	697.20	730.00	-4.30	4.37
Money Market UT	49.60	49.60		5.41
-do- Accum	80.52	80.52		5.41
Monthly Income	91.07	95.39†	+0.16	5.82
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
Smrph	120.10	127.80	+0.60	1.54
European Growth	130.78	137.90	-1.00	0.82
Gilt & Pusc	96.79	102.00	+0.50	5.44
Income	95.03	101.10	+0.60	2.53

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	52.81	55.98	-0.12	...
Managed	78.13	83.12	+0.24	2.11
Money Market	91.33	95.81		4.15
North American	103.10	109.30	-0.40	0.41
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	108.90	115.90	+0.60	1.52
European Growth	113.40	120.20	+1.00	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.11	96.85	+0.54	5.44
Income	93.20	99.15	+0.80	2.59
Japan Growth	52.54	55.69	-0.12	
Managed	74.67	79.44	+0.23	2.09
Money Market	84.28	89.93		4.11
North American	93.17	98.78	-0.41	0.49
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	108.70	115.60	+0.60	1.52
European Growth	110.90	117.60	+0.90	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.64	88.72	+0.49	5.56
Income	91.51	97.36	+0.59	2.63
Japan Growth	63.71	58.93	-0.13	...
Managed	77.47	82.41	+0.24	2.18
Money Market	78.19	82.88	..	4.20
North American	104.20	110.58	-0.40	0.38
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.72	14.54	...	..
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	422.50	449.40†	-2.80	.
European Gth Inc	595.20	635.90†	-3.10	..
-do- Accum	599.80	642.80†	-3.10	...
Intl Gwth	220.10	234.00	+0.20	..
UK Equity Inc	208.40	221.70	+0.70	3.01
Do. Accum	275.80	293.40	+1.00	3.01
UK Ind Tckr Inc	181.40	193.08	+1.00	2.59
-do- Accum	218.30	238.30	+1.10	2.59
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	247.90	262.90	-0.70	1.03
Japan Tracker	78.49	83.10	+0.55	..
Asian Trader	228.10	245.80	-0.10	0.16
Managed Inc	175.40	187.50†	+0.60	2.32
Deposit Inc	99.88	99.88†	+0.01	6.08
Europa	271.40	285.40	-0.20	
Genesis	183.50	198.80	..	1.59
High Income	21.44	22.74†	+0.06	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	106.00	107.40	+0.30	2.29
Acumen Inc	97.16	99.42	+0.27	2.29
Acumen Reserve	92.72	93.84†	+0.23	8.03
-do- Inc	74.81	75.95†	+0.19	8.03
American Growth	63.11	64.93	-0.15	
Cash Income	50.15	50.15	+0.01	6.60
Equity Income #	100.80	105.40†	+0.80	4.68
European	76.35	77.76	-0.73	0.38
Smaller Cos	83.64	87.60	+0.55	1.31
W'wide Eqty	72.97	74.80	-0.08	0.13
Global Bond	47.35	47.90	+0.03	6.29
UK Growth	185.20	187.90	+0.10	1.91
Pacific Growth	182.60	124.40	+0.30	0.79
Japan Growth	107.30	109.30	+0.50	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	138.75	147.61†	+1.52	2.44
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	83.98	89.26	+0.42	2.18
UK Income	118.34	125.89†	+0.82	3.98
Higher Income	223.76	238.04†	+0.84	5.17
Smaller Cos	92.96	98.89	+0.34	1.82
International	107.67	114.54	+0.38	1.40
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	123.20	131.10†	-0.30	0.30
European Dist	133.50	142.00		0.20
Far East Dist	200.70	213.50	+0.20	..
Global Care Dist	81.57	86.78†	-0.13	0.67
Ocean Dist	1158.60	1232.50	+1.40	0.01
-do- Accum	1503.80	1599.80	-1.80	0.01
UK Dist	396.10	421.40	+2.30	2.55
-do- Accum	793.70	844.40	+4.80	2.55
UK Extra Inc Dist	88.25	93.88	+0.33	3.42
Wwide Dist	119.70	127.30	+0.50	0.30
Wwide Inc Dist	82.12	87.36	+0.50	1.79
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 396				
Europe Inc	71.37	75.22	-0.12	1.08
Fund of Funds Inc	65.83	69.27†	+0.17	2.17
North America Inc	80.81	84.18	-0.28	..
UK Equity Grth Inc	65.13	68.74	+0.25	2.50
-do- Accum	69.17	73.00	+0.26	2.50
UK General Inc	64.27	67.83	+0.28	2.71
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	49.01	51.83†	+0.28	7.81
UK Income Inc	83.05	86.54	+0.26	3.38
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	44.81	47.67	+0.05	..
-do- Accum	45.16	48.04	+0.05	
Bond	128.80	136.55	+0.53	5.91
Bridge Fund	93.66	99.40		2.19
Cash Income	58.30	58.30†	+0.01	5.58
-do- Accum	68.97	68.97†	+0.01	5.56
Distributor	101.10	107.55†	+0.70	2.96
European	48.86	51.98	+0.09	...
Foundation	183.73	119.35	+0.65	3.59
General	208.04	221.32†	+1.08	1.12
Global	354.25	376.86	+1.49	0.37
Growth	135.16	143.79	+0.88	2.53
Higher Income Inc	31.26	33.26	+0.23	4.39
-do- Accum	36.55	38.88	+0.27	4.39
Income	255.41	271.71†	+0.84	3.16
Intrepid	137.40	143.12		1.92
Japan	27.10	28.83	+0.23	..
Oriental Inc	164.21	174.69	+0.22	0.31
-do- Accum	169.44	180.25	+0.23	0.30
Pen Int Gwth	34.46	36.68	+0.15	..
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	108.50	114.88†		2.50
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 294				
Master Trust	138.75	143.56	+0.50	1.19
UK Equity	157.28	165.50	+0.86	2.81
UK Equity Income	144.02	151.60	+0.99	3.15
UK Smaller Cos	127.68	134.40†	+0.27	1.60
UK Equity Growth	147.28	155.03	+0.67	2.20
UK Index Trckg	159.82	168.23	+1.71	3.42
Intl Index Trckg	165.34	174.04	+0.29	0.97
International	267.03	281.08	+0.83	0.65
European	230.50	242.63	+0.09	0.17
Pan European	152.19	160.20	+0.31	1.26
Nth American	214.76	226.08	+0.40	0.13
N Amer Smlr Cos	225.79	237.67†	+0.64	..
Japanese	97.17	102.28†	+0.44	
Pacific	250.41	263.59†	+0.88	0.39
South East Asian	284.18	299.14	+0.48	0.65
Intl Bond	142.57	150.07†	-2.78	4.55
Gilt & Convertible	109.92	115.70†	+0.69	6.00
Property	77.92	82.02†	+0.02	6.97
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	265.80	285.20	-0.20	0.40
-do- Accum	281.30	301.80	-0.30	0.40
Japan Inc	114.10	121.80	+0.80	...
Nth American Inc	114.70	122.20	-1.00	0.34
Worldwide Inc	172.10	184.70	+0.20	0.38
Hong Kong Inc	165.60	177.80	+1.80	1.44
Swiss Equities Inc	84.00	89.72	-0.75	0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	68.40	72.36	+0.13	4.87
Emging Asia Inc	221.70	240.70†	+0.20	0.14
-do- Accum	222.50	241.70	+0.40	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.45	50.46		6.41
Thailand Inc	183.20	199.00	-0.50	1.13
New Zealand Inc	97.15	104.70	+0.20	1.79
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	69.14	74.17	+0.15	1.38
Latin Am Cmp Inc	61.01	65.92†	+0.10	0.28
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	66.71	71.56	+0.34	2.43
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	85.57	91.52	+0.18	
Global Portfolio	76.26	81.21	-0.90	..
Global Opps	68.43	72.87	-0.86	..
March Global Gth	68.99	73.16	+0.38	.
AAM Global Equity	55.88	59.23		2.12
CAM Bal Gwth Inc	104.30	111.50	-0.19	
Temple Equity Inc	45.57	49.88†	+0.65	2.25
Hartley Growth	97.48	103.70	+0.30	.
Intl Growth Inc	89.21	95.41	-0.08	1.02
TPS Portfolio Inc	88.46	94.20†	-0.65	..
Premier Portfolio Inc	70.69	75.60†	-0.12	1.74
Roxburgh Strat Gth	77.80	83.21	-0.04	0.47
Slater Grwth	123.80	131.80	-0.70	
International Strat	82.10	87.81	+0.43	..
UFC Ind-Act Gth	60.26	64.47	+0.25	..
Chartfield Port of Fc	53.35	57.09	+0.24	..
Chartfield Sec	118.30	129.80	+0.95	..
Lowes Intl Growth	53.75	56.58	+0.10	..
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 526 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	265.30	282.20†	+1.70	2.44
-do- Accum	573.20	609.80	+3.50	2.44
Growth	173.50	182.50	+0.80	2.74
Income	260.30	276.80	+1.90	3.54
Intl Equity	282.70	300.70	+0.70	0.65
-do- Accum	314.88	334.90	+0.80	0.65
UK Income	71.15	75.72†	+0.56	3.65
UK Intl 25	89.10	94.84	+0.43	1.97
New Europe	90.88	96.68	-0.61	0.33
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	679.18	723.19	+4.79	0.32
-do- Accum	679.83	726.03	+4.82	0.32
Income	418.67	447.76	+5.84	3.07
Wwide Recovery	430.38	460.85	+2.92	0.50
Amer Growth Inc	269.27	287.89	-0.10	0.01
-do- Accum	269.27	287.98	-0.10	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	271.94	290.83	+0.59	0.16
Far Estn Grth Inc	302.33	323.35†	+2.23	0.62
-do- Accum	303.70	324.82	+2.25	0.62
Euro Grth Inc	169.75	181.56	+0.62	0.22
-do- Accum	170.31	182.16	+0.62	0.22
UK Growth Inc	109.34	116.85	+1.37	2.54
-do- Accum	115.03	123.03	+1.43	2.54
High Income	109.51	117.13†	+1.31	3.77
Jap Grth Inc	223.99	238.76	+1.52	0.01
-do- Accum	223.99	238.76	+1.52	0.01
PEP Growth	137.24	146.79	+0.95	0.72
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	139.19	148.87†	+0.27	0.34
-do- Accum	139.45	149.15	+0.27	0.34
Amer Smlr Co Inc	169.46	181.25	-0.54	0.01
-do- Accum	169.46	181.25	-0.54	0.01
Global Bond	59.45	62.88	+0.32	5.95
UK Smaller Cos Inc	95.19	101.81	-0.95	1.43
-do- Accum	100.15	107.12	-1.00	1.43
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3927				
American	118.97	126.56	-0.11	
European	83.80	88.30	-0.21	
Global	68.62	72.38†	-0.03	
Pacific	63.63	67.69	+0.02	
UK Inc & Grth	72.26	76.87	+0.09	2.16
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	183.03	193.68	+0.36	0.61
Emerg Mkts	49.62	52.51	-0.19	0.99
High Income #	54.03	57.17	-0.01	5.08
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	158.79	168.93	+1.16	1.89
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	111.50	118.80†	-1.30	2.14
Conv & Gilt	116.90	124.40	+2.60	5.88
European Income	82.42	87.68	-0.35	3.17
Extra Income	189.70	180.50†	+0.50	5.30
-do- Accum	214.90	228.60	+0.70	5.30
Far East	422.60	449.60	+1.30	0.32
-do- Accum	431.40	458.00	+1.30	0.32
Global Income	28.19	29.99†	-0.65	4.99
High Income	128.50	136.70	+0.40	4.29
-do- Accum	158.80	168.90	+0.40	4.29
International	211.00	224.50	+0.40	0.64
-do- Accum	218.40	232.30	+0.30	0.64
Pref & Fxd Int	44.15	46.97†	-0.58	7.20
Recovery	78.00	83.62	+0.36	2.58

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	123.90	131.88†	+0.20	1.57
-do- Accum	136.40	145.10	+0.20	1.57
Technology	594.80	632.60	-20.30	...
UK Blue Chip	78.70	83.73	+0.04	3.46
-do- Accum	89.82	95.56	+0.05	3.46
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0177 588 3063				
Equity Gth	227.20	241.70	+0.60	1.49
European Gth	118.80	126.10	-0.60	1.02
Income & Gth #	152.10	161.80	+0.30	3.20
Japan Gth	119.70	127.30	+0.90	
Nth Amer Gth	190.80	202.10	-0.60	0.09
Overseas Gth	116.40	123.80		0.26
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4480				
Managed Tst	43.02	44.58	+0.14	1.63
Cash Haven Inc	101.61	102.11†	+0.01	5.50
Cash Haven Acc	115.61	116.18†	+0.02	5.50
Dist Trust Inc	103.87	107.53†	+0.44	6.30
Dist Trust Acc	113.87	117.98†	+0.48	6.30
Global Growth	101.19	107.64	-0.26	1.70
Equity Inc	88.85	94.52	-0.95	3.48
Equity	827.57	880.39	+4.01	2.18
European	246.56	255.50†	-0.37	0.81
High Income	92.52	98.42†	+0.48	4.99
Intl Gth	211.29	224.77†	+0.45	0.67
Intl Sm Co	90.82	96.61	-0.04	0.60
Japanese	226.44	234.65	+1.42	
Nth Amer	215.54	223.35	+0.64	1.23
Pacific Mkts	122.20	128.63	+0.58	0.27
Premier Inc	49.26	51.27†	+0.23	6.49
Sm Cos	102.96	109.53	+0.13	1.42
Spec Sits	121.19	128.92	+0.51	2.38
UK Growth	139.33	148.22	+0.68	2.09
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	330.20	350.30	+2.60	3.06
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	616.36	655.46	-1.70	0.60
FA America (Acc)	720.84	768.56	-1.99	0.60
FA UK Equity Inc	171.71	183.24	+1.52	3.55
FA Japan	251.72	267.74	+0.86	
FA Major UK Cos	106.19	113.18†	+0.89	2.02
FA Smlr UK Cos	334.38	363.75	+0.50	1.18
FA European	371.20	394.48	-1.60	0.36
FA Amer Smlr Cos	54.84	58.84	-0.29	..
FA Asia	58.54	61.11	+0.04	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	43.69	46.71	+0.12	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	111.10	116.94	+0.92	..
UK Smlr Cos	97.65	102.89	+0.15	..
UK Income	109.90	115.68	+0.96	.
America	124.26	130.79	-0.34	.
Japanese	55.60	58.52	+0.19	.
European	119.73	126.02	-0.52	.
Gilt	98.40	103.57	+0.57	.
Deposit	87.54	92.14		..
Managed	110.76	116.58	+0.39	.
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	108.04	113.72	+0.90	..
UK Smaller Cos	95.43	100.44	+0.13	..
UK Income	107.06	112.69	+0.93	.
America	120.76	127.11	-0.33	.
Japanese	54.04	56.88	+0.18	.
European	116.49	122.61	-0.51	.
Gilt	96.60	101.67	+0.61	
Deposit	83.66	88.05		..
Managed	104.45	109.94	+0.54	.
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01793 282 828 Gen Enq: 01793 390 000				
United States	104.30	111.50	-0.30	0.28
Pacific Basin	82.15	88.27	+0.31	0.26
High Inc Dist	148.60	158.80	+1.10	4.29
Ryl Life Int Cnsv	63.67	67.46	+0.31	3.97
Ryl Life Intl Grth	74.82	79.91	-0.01	0.13
Ryl Life Intl Spec	69.18	73.59	-0.19	...
UK Emerging Cos	137.69	148.70	-0.40	1.63
UK Index Trckg	184.00	195.90		1.59
European	151.69	162.70	-0.60	0.29
Managed	168.30	180.60†		0.66
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	174.50	185.68†	-0.40	1.73
European Growth	126.00	133.50	-0.30	2.46
Far East Growth	153.00	162.80†	+1.80	1.86
Japan Growth	136.80	145.40		
Special Sits	234.00	248.90	+0.30	1.19
UK Growth	89.51	95.22†	+0.05	2.05
Triton General	274.70	292.30	-0.40	1.01
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	177.40	187.70	+0.10	0.35
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	357.60	378.40	+1.10	0.25
-do- Accum	558.90	591.40	-1.80	0.25
Growth Inc	144.00	152.40	+0.70	0.23
-do- Accum	147.60	156.20	+0.60	0.23
International Inc	371.70	393.30	+2.60	0.16
-do- Accum	512.40	542.20	+2.70	0.16
Nth Am & Intl Inc	380.30	402.40	+1.60	0.56
UK Gen Prog Inc	234.00	247.60	+0.10	1.19
-do- Accum	267.90	283.50	+0.10	1.19
UK High Inc Inc	141.30	149.40	+0.70	3.73
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Grth	71.54	76.10	-0.51	..
Asian Grth	128.00	136.16	+0.57	0.75
European Grth	80.16	85.27†	-0.40	1.00
Global Bd	63.15	66.79	+0.01	5.00
Global Eq	62.72	66.72†	-0.37	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	57.53	61.20	+0.08	..
UK Grth	78.42	83.42†	+0.08	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Grth #	84.52	89.91	+0.13	3.33
Amer Smlr Cos	134.40	143.00	-1.20	..
Asian Smaller Cos	45.04	47.92	+0.63	..
Capital Portfolio	140.30	149.30	+0.40	1.99
Cash	131.20	131.20†		6.01
China Dragon	64.02	68.11	+1.43	1.45
Commodity	140.60	149.60	-0.50	..
Eastern Discovery	110.00	117.00	+0.20	..
Emerging Mkts	38.73	41.29	-0.97	0.04
Energy Indtr	140.00	148.90	-0.50	0.14
European Grth	211.20	224.70	-0.60	0.49
Euro Inc & Grth #	87.86	93.47	-0.26	1.80
Euro Smlr Cos	61.63	65.56	+0.55	0.08
Extra Income #	55.88	57.84	+0.17	5.38
Financial Secs	258.00	274.50	+2.50	1.22
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	50.32	53.13	+0.05	8.53
Gold & Exploration	91.57	97.41	+0.14	
High Return #	246.80	262.60†	+3.80	3.65
High Yield #	251.10	267.10	+1.00	3.43
Income #	129.30	137.60	+0.50	4.08
Intl Bond	178.70	188.50	+0.30	3.62
ITU	238.10	244.80	+0.20	0.83
Japan Growth	180.90	192.40	+0.80	...
Japan Smaller	180.70	192.30	+0.80	...
Korea	59.92	63.74	+0.46	..
Masterfund	61.53	65.46†	+0.68	0.91
Scotbits	383.70	408.20†	+0.80	0.90
Scotshares #	328.50	349.50	+1.20	1.80
Scotyields #	268.30	285.40	+3.60	3.37
Select Intl	149.20	158.70	-0.20	0.48
Smaller Cos Inc #	251.80	267.70	+0.50	3.78
SE Asia	57.11	60.76	+1.82	0.20
Special Situation	146.00	155.30	+0.58	1.77
UK Equity #	278.40	296.20	+1.10	2.45
UK Growth	74.37	79.12	+0.18	1.88
UK & O'seas	189.10	200.10	+0.40	1.20
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	54.39	57.86	+0.08	1.38
US Growth	185.30	197.10	-0.90	..
Univ Growth	153.40	163.20	-0.10	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bckr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	309.45	327.99	+0.68	0.81
-do- Accum	340.44	360.84	+0.74	0.81
European Grth	85.32	90.49	+0.07	0.79
Euro Smlr Cos	93.91	99.81†	-0.15	0.24
Far Eastern Gth	105.49	112.52†	-0.32	..
-do- Accum	107.59	114.76†	-0.12	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	54.06	56.99	+0.36	7.19
Global Bond #	53.24	55.02†	+0.10	7.22
-do- Accum #	61.61	63.67†	+0.12	7.22
Global Emer Mkts	55.68	59.39	+0.26	..
-do- Accum	55.73	59.44	+0.25	..
Income #	393.21	419.42	+3.83	5.04
-do- Accum #	£12.78	£13.64	+12.43	5.04
Japan Smlr Cos	448.07	477.94†	-0.41	.
-do- Accum	448.97	478.90†	-0.40	.
Japan Enterprise	70.74	75.45	-0.21	.
Pacific Gwth	154.78	165.01	+0.56	0.24
-do- Accum	159.78	170.34	+0.88	0.24
Portfolio	90.72	96.76	+0.56	1.83
-do- Accum	99.19	105.79	+0.60	1.83
Seoul	46.50	49.60	-0.14	.
-do- Accum	46.50	49.60	-0.14	...
Smaller Cos	257.45	274.61†	+0.62	1.11
Strategic Inc	95.75	102.17	+0.36	1.02
Strategic Acc	95.75	102.11	+0.36	1.02
Tokyo	129.77	138.42	+0.81	..
-do- Accum	131.08	139.81	+0.60	.
UK Enterprise	308.75	327.19†	+1.91	1.97
-do- Accum	374.31	399.27†	+2.34	1.97
UK Equity	275.80	294.18†	+1.95	2.47
-do- Accum	548.31	584.87†	+3.88	2.47
US Smlr Cos	202.61	216.11	+0.23	..
-do- Accum	202.61	216.11	+0.23	...
Institutional Funds				
European	271.38	281.75†	-2.38	1.29
-do- Accum	305.00	316.65†	-1.22	1.29
Euro Smlr Cos	31.76	33.06	-0.10	1.42
-do- Accum	34.13	35.52	-0.11	1.42
Global Equity Inc	87.42	91.06	+0.16	0.96
Japan Smlr Cos	38.25	39.84†	+0.11	0.16
-do- Accum	38.58	40.16†	+0.11	0.16
Mngd Balanced	214.95	223.90	+0.79	2.96
-do- Accum	247.21	257.51	+0.92	2.96
Overseas Equity	217.13	226.17†	+0.32	0.89
-do- Accum	226.81	236.26†	+0.33	0.89
Oseas Smlr Cos	139.52	145.33	+0.08	0.89
-do- Accum	146.26	152.35	+0.08	0.89
Pacific	281.43	293.15	+0.32	1.33
-do- Accum	310.87	323.83	+0.36	1.33
Recovery	821.11	£21.99†	-0.64	2.92
-do- Accum	222.91	£23.06†	+14.23	2.92
UK Index	172.56	179.74	+0.23	3.40
-do- Accum	217.08	226.12	+0.29	3.40
UK Smlr Cos	125.42	130.64	+0.19	2.67
-do- Accum	136.08	141.75	+0.21	2.67
US Smlr Cos	59.13	61.59	+0.08	0.54
-do- Accum	60.48	63.00	+0.07	0.54
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	57.64	60.95	+0.15	3.08
Equity Trust	71.28	75.38	+0.19	2.96
Equity Strategy	82.11	86.83	+0.09	0.69
European Opps	100.62	106.41	-0.52	0.45
UK Smaller Cos	70.63	74.69	-0.10	1.00
Maximum Inc	100.00	102.69	+0.02	6.86
Japanese	82.80	87.56	+0.64	
Asia Pacific	127.46	134.84	+0.43	0.86
American	121.63	128.62	..	0.58
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	32.25	32.25	+0.01	6.047
UK General Inc	58.91	62.63	+0.32	3.30
-do- Accum	77.41	82.57	+0.41	3.30
Intl Income	290.70	310.18†	+1.10	1.66
-do- Accum	508.00	541.89†	+2.00	1.66
European	92.14	97.61	-0.17	1.93
Japan	70.87	75.13†	+0.25	..
American	85.13	90.14	-0.62	1.75
Far East	92.98	99.10	+0.23	1.40
Ethical Inc	34.54	36.95		2.83
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.30	40.84	+0.26	3.14
High Inc Inc	40.05	42.72†	+0.26	3.74
UK Global Inc	45.82	48.78	+0.29	1.89
Wwide Tact	79.60	84.98	+0.33	1.00
Europe 2000 Tact	60.82	64.68	-0.10	1.50
Technology	134.64	143.58†	-1.51	0.00
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	441.50	471.10	-2.40	2.82
American	314.80	333.60	-0.80	0.50
Pacific	426.40	456.00	+2.30	0.35
European	618.60	661.50	-1.10	1.20
Worldwide	99.67	106.80	..	0.52
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	304.70	324.20†	+1.80	2.53
-do- Accum	394.50	419.70†	+2.50	2.53
UK Gr Co Eq Inc	236.20	251.30†	+1.20	1.58
-do- Accum	369.80	387.30†	+1.40	1.58
Select Opptny Inc	78.77	84.25	+0.38	1.95
Income Plus Inc	81.36	86.56	+0.68	3.30
European Inc	393.60	418.80	+0.40	1.29
-do- Accum	448.30	477.00	+0.40	1.29
Far Eastern Inc	191.20	203.50	+0.70	0.74
-do- Accum	219.90	234.00	+0.80	0.74
Japanese Inc	64.32	68.43	+0.23	..
Nth American Inc	282.60	300.70	-1.90	0.38
-do- Accum	312.50	332.50	-2.00	0.36

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	224.90	239.32†	-0.10	3.35
Wwide Venture Inc	89.41	95.21	+0.25	0.38
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	412.42	437.60	-2.60	2.50
-do- Accum	619.40	660.60	+5.90	2.50
UK High Inc	301.60	321.00	+0.70	3.39
-do- Accum	302.20	322.70	-1.00	3.39
Europe Inc	428.40	454.30	-2.30	0.39
Nth Amer Inc	276.40	296.90	-1.40	
Global Inc	242.70	259.20	-0.40	0.26
Global Acc	261.50	277.30	-0.40	0.26
UK Spec Sits Inc	115.80	122.42	+0.20	2.33
South East Asia	242.00	256.10	-6.20	0.57
Cash Trust Inc	102.52	102.52		5.99
UK Small Cos Inc	114.01	121.68	-0.10	1.95
-do- Accum	117.90	125.60	-0.10	1.95
Intl Bond Inc	98.17	105.21	+0.70	5.20
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
High Perf Inc/Gth	156.40	164.30	-0.53	2.06
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	147.10	154.60†	-0.60	0.05
Nth American	126.90	133.50†	-0.60	0.16
Intl Bond & Curr	130.10	136.90	-0.20	6.55
Pooled Pension (E)	220.70	232.30	-0.60	2.02
Smaller Cos	97.09	102.20	+0.30	0.96
UK General	152.40	160.40	+1.00	2.56
Far Eastern	106.00	111.56	-0.40	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	114.88		-0.32	.
Aztec ‡	66.63		+0.29	
European ‡	149.38		-0.75	0.29
Global Bond ‡	98.53	..	+0.41	8.05
Investment Trust ‡	197.92		-0.21	2.07
Preferred Income ‡	102.90	†	+1.65	5.81
Samurai ‡	58.38		+0.22	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.46	†	+0.02	6.05
UK Growth ‡	105.59		-0.53	2.36
Tal Pan ‡	106.99		+0.09	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	105.43		-0.83	2.87
UK Equity Inc ‡	110.64	†	+0.32	5.45
Glob Gwth PEP	70.53	75.03	-0.10	1.32
Pref Inc PEP #	102.20	108.00†	-0.40	5.08
Inv Trust PEP	53.80	57.23	+0.17	.
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	394.80	417.60†	-1.50	.
Canadian	73.58	77.86	-0.82	0.64
Capital	139.30	149.19		1.63
Cash	101.55	101.55	+0.03	6.04
European	147.80	156.40†	-0.70	0.81
Far Eastern	166.70	176.30	+0.60	
Growth	152.10	160.90	+0.30	1.18
Income #	136.50	144.40	+0.30	4.92
Magnum	149.38	159.60†	+0.10	1.65
Smlr Secs	478.10	437.40	-0.30	0.58
Thorogood	174.30	186.70	-0.10	1.42
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cntrld Finance	57.00	60.95	-0.59	7.00
Ethical	72.18	77.61	+0.41	0.50
European Growth	79.87	84.97	-0.46	1.60
Income	58.27	62.65	+0.38	4.30
Intl Growth	109.50	116.70	-0.39	1.60
Managed	91.70	97.81	+0.13	2.30
UK Growth	72.70	78.16	+0.13	1.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	45.00	46.23	+0.10	1.60
Global Advtg Acc	45.54	48.79	+0.10	1.60
Income Advtg Inc	35.03	35.21†	+0.10	3.36
Income Advtg Acc	39.90	40.10	+0.20	3.36
UK Equity Gth Acc	82.57	87.53	+0.20	1.29
Premier Inc Inc	49.72	52.34†	+0.10	7.20
Premier Inc Acc	50.70	53.37	+0.10	7.20
Managed Acc	58.69	62.43		1.36
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.13	42.61	+0.20	3.90
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	51.49	54.58	+0.20	3.90
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	72.19	76.71	+0.10	2.11
UK Equity Gen Inc	52.61	55.90	+0.10	2.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	32.50	34.57	-0.10	6.41
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	353.90	384.00	-0.90	1.87
Nth American Acc	53.63	56.99		0.09
Pacific Basin	47.30	50.28	+0.50	0.64
European Acc	57.23	60.81	-0.30	1.34
Japan Acc	28.31	30.08		
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global 4 (NZ$)	4.265	4.523		1.78
US Eqts (US$)	3.083	3.186		1.00
Far East Eqts (yen)	271.10	287.90	...	.
FT Europe	146.70	155.80		1.25
FT N Amer (US$)	2.260	2.396		0.45
FT Japan (yen)	243.90	259.10		
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.753	2.925		0.84
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	450.80	478.00	-1.20	.
British #	1176.30	1244.50	+4.90	3.13
Emrging Mkts	141.90	151.20	+1.30	0.43
European	603.20	640.00	-1.90	0.71
Japan	141.00	149.80	-0.10	
New Pacific	422.30	449.70	+2.20	1.47
-do- Accum	450.20	479.40	+2.40	1.47
Inv Trust Acc	288.00	305.40	+0.60	0.83
Mngd Equity	194.90	206.20	+1.50	1.63
Mngd Cash	95.56	95.56†	+0.01	6.22
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Equity	966.90	1034.00†	+6.00	2.21
North America	163.00	174.30†	-0.70	0.08
Far East	168.40	181.20†	+0.60	.
Wwide Bond	62.31	66.12	+0.10	4.93
European	117.30	125.50	+0.20	1.40
Equity Income #	100.90	107.90†	+0.80	4.67
Portfolio	100.10	107.10	+0.30	1.72
UK Leading Cos	71.53	76.30	+0.51	2.62
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	72.99	78.06	-0.07	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Antares UT	24.48	26.03†	+0.05	0.60
European	45.35	48.25†	+0.08	0.87
High Income	34.99	37.23	+0.20	4.10
Japan	37.70	40.11†	+0.33	0.01
Managed Assets	138.66	148.31†	+0.72	2.48
North American	38.10	40.54†	-0.30	0.54
Smlr Co's Inc	32.82	34.92	+0.12	2.19
Smlr Co's Acc	35.49	37.76†	-0.13	2.19
UK Growth Inc	61.53	65.46†	+0.39	2.76
UK Growth Acc	68.32	72.69†	+0.43	2.76
UK Income	44.17	47.25†	+0.31	3.32
Worldwide Grth	39.63	42.39	+0.12	0.56
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	66.60	69.67	+0.06	1.96
European Exmpt	92.86	95.74	+0.08	1.90
Pacific Exmpt	65.14	67.16	+0.29	0.95
US Exmpt	90.03	92.82	-0.40	1.28
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	54.69	58.18	-0.19	.
Cap Protector Inc	44.14	46.96	+0.29	2.78
UK Income Inc	56.43	60.03	+0.51	3.18
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.26	36.45	+0.23	5.08
Mngd High Yld Inc	85.89	91.37	+0.56	4.39
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	82.25	87.50	+0.70	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	37.93	40.35	-0.01	1.70
Pacific Gth Port	53.35	56.76	+0.15	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 345 794				
American	257.38	272.28	-1.62	.
-do- Accum	283.49	299.90	-1.79	..
Brit Growth	110.74	117.19	+0.56	1.92
-do- Accum	135.72	143.62	+0.69	1.92
European	119.61	126.57	+0.12	.
-do- Accum	127.31	134.72	+0.14	.
Extra Income	206.18	218.18	+1.19	3.68
-do- Accum	363.34	384.49	+2.12	3.68
Smaller Cos	79.94	84.58	+0.09	0.85
-do- Accum	90.86	96.14	+0.10	0.85
General	326.49	345.49†	+1.57	2.24
-do- Accum	689.69	729.83†	+3.31	2.24
Premier Income	52.16	54.34	+0.14	6.45
-do- Accum	124.08	129.25	+0.33	6.45
Income	357.70	378.52	+2.71	3.32
-do- Accum	812.42	859.70	+6.16	3.32
Pacific	443.86	469.48	+0.74	.
-do- Accum	466.18	493.31	+0.79	.
International	611.80	648.63	+1.07	.
-do- Accum	805.10	851.95	+1.32	.
Nat Resources	188.54	199.51	+0.80	.
Sical Opps	124.16	131.39	+0.70	1.67
-do- Accum	160.57	169.92	+0.91	1.67
Environmental Inv	71.12	75.26	+0.40	1.43
Selector	69.89	73.75	+0.32	1.46
-do- Accum	80.10	84.76	+0.36	1.46
High Income	67.76	71.72	+0.39	4.19
-do- Accum	90.35	95.52	+0.53	4.19
Intl Income	64.98	68.76	+0.17	4.99
-do- Accum	83.21	88.06	+0.23	4.99
Selector Income	65.84	69.67	+0.32	4.04
-do- Accum	80.51	85.19	+0.38	4.04
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 687 1018				
British	375.83	395.61	+2.32	2.72
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	225.99	241.78†	-0.18	2.43
Glob Balncd Inc	190.10	203.32	+0.17	3.54
Value Tst Inc	134.03	143.34†	-0.11	1.94
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	46.25	49.19	-0.02	6.60
European Growth	315.63	330.58	+0.18	0.40
Exempt	603.78	631.05†	+2.84	2.60
Global Em Mkts	85.80	89.84	+0.54	0.30
Japan Tst	82.25	88.12	+0.10	
Little Dragons	99.18	103.85	+0.53	
Nth Amer Gwth	273.37	286.25†	-0.52	0.59
Oriental Income #	48.18	50.42	-0.04	2.20
Preference	130.72	136.87	+0.28	8.60
Tiger	307.92	322.42	+1.35	
UK Blue Chip	71.90	75.28†	+0.54	1.90
UK Growth	591.17	619.02	+2.54	2.10
UK High Yield #	110.87	116.09†	+0.85	4.30
UK Mid-Cap	277.64	290.72	+0.23	2.20
UK Smlr Cos	121.60	127.32	-0.60	0.80
UK Smlr Cos Div #	87.90	92.04†	+0.23	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	109.44	116.43	+0.49	3.48
UK Equity Growth	97.68	103.91	+0.38	2.74
European	75.12	79.92	-0.16	1.43
Nth American	83.58	88.92	-0.15	0.59
Far Eastern	77.36	82.30†	+0.60	0.86
Money	69.66	69.66†		5.30
Fixed Interest	78.22	83.22	+0.35	5.70
Index Linked Gilt	70.58	75.09	+0.10	1.27
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	108.42	108.42	+0.61	6.70
UK Index Tracking @	122.78	122.78	+1.26	2.85
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	27.99	29.48	-0.52	.
Pacific Basin	45.86	48.27	-0.48	.
Global Bnss (US$)	0.934	0.9729	+0.0018	.
Penny Share	44.95	47.31	+0.23	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	102.70	105.60	+0.40	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	122.30	123.90	+0.30	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7723	0.7824	+0.0005	
Bd Income	52.97	55.12†	+0.29	8.70
Gilt Growth	78.33	81.52	+0.53	
Sterling Bond	50.47	52.34	+0.23	6.90
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4800				
Intl Mgd	53.76	57.15	+0.32	1.46
UK Stockmarket	91.73	97.58	+0.93	2.45
Corporate Bond	48.54	50.08		7.10

Source: Finstat

* Yields expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

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Gilts and equities sharply higher

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is *ex-dividend*. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3080¼	2137½	ABN-AMRO	3005¾	− 12½	4.2	11.5
656	413	Abbey Ntl	649	− 3	3.8	12.9
370	250	Allied Irish	370	+ 3	3.8	10.8
314	198	Aus New Z	314	+ 5	5.1	...
4405	2531¼	Bank America	3889¾	− 69¾	...	...
307½	191½	Bank Scotland	291½	+ 5½	2.8	12.9
812½	557½	Barclays	756½	+ 12½	3.7	10.9
488	288	Bk of Ireland	477	+ 5	3.8	9.6
525	418	Cater Allen	493	+ 2	8.0	7.7
4718¾	2459	Citicorp	4698¾			
340½	210¼	Close Bros	335	...	3.2	14.9
£162¼	£129¼	Commerzbk	£154¾	+ 3¼	3.5	...
1375	998¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1234¾	− 3¼	0.4	...
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	3031¼	− 31¼	2.4	...
691¼	559¾	Espirito Santo	691¼	+ 3¼	5.2	9.1
1611	1139¾	Fuji Bank Y	1454¾	+ 18½	0.4	...
490	395	Gerrard Nat	484	...	6.1	15.0
253	189	Hambros	201	− 3	4.7	...
1038	589	HSBC	1020½	+ 17½	3.5	13.3
1001¼	578	HSBC HK	995½	+ 14½	3.5	13.0
418	228	Irish Perm	418	+ 2	2.9	8.7
463	353	Joseph (L)	453	...	5.2	15.6
152	85	King Shaxson	149	...	7.6	11.5
417	217	Lloyds TSB	327	+ 10	...	...
687	479	Nat Aust Bk	605	+ 4	6.6	8.4
687	454	Nat West	651	+ 14	4.4	10.1
67	44	Rea Brothers	65	...	1.9	26.0
639½	373½	Ryl Bk Scotl	554	+ 12	3.7	12.5
1478	908¾	Schroders	1343	− 5	1.3	19.1
1180	823¾	Schroders N/V	1078	− 10	1.6	15.4
111	81	Singer & Fried	105	...	4.4	10.8
625	246	Stand Chart	569	+ 7	2.0	14.3
121	70	Union	95	...	3.9	...
£145¼	£094¾	Wells Fargo	£138¾	− 131¼	2.2	...
294¾	211	Westpac	294¾	+ 4	4.6	...
295	208	Woolwich	279	...	5.5	15.2

BREWERIES

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
278	143	Ascot Hldgs	278	...	...	8.8
735½	487	Bass	727	+ 11	3.9	16.7
473	239	Boddington	472	...	2.4	24.3
192	137	Burtonwood Brew	174	...	3.9	16.8
196	197	Eldridge P 'A'	195	+ 1	2.9	...
433	385	Fuller Sm 'A'	418	...	2.6	16.5
589	402	Greenall Gp	578	+ 5	3.1	...
658	468	Greene King	613	...	2.9	15.1
357	240	Hardy Hanson	319	+ 2	4.0	...
160	150	Heavitree	155	...	4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Hall J	3108	...	2.2	18.8
347	218	Mansfield	323	+ 3	2.1	16.2
325	286	Marston Thompt	318	...	2.8	15.0
583	391½	Morland	583	...	2.5	16.9
8¼	6	Paramount	8	...	4.8	9.8
703	307	Regent Inns	689	...	1.3	27.1
2525	1297½	SA Breweries	2525	+ 81¼	1.4	33.7
640	482	Scot & Newc	608	− 1	3.8	16.4
337	230	Scot & New P/P	330	...	...	...
221	173	Tom Cobleigh	224	...	1.5	35.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

BUSINESS SERVICES

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187½	88	Abi Leis	88	...	8.2	9.8
595	430	Adam & Harvey	443	+ 3	5.5	5.8
21	13	Alexanders	16	...	2.4	...
113	88	Applyard	101	...	7.4	10.9
4¼	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	2.1	...
823	505	BSS Group	528	...	4.7	15.2
38	31	Beatt	37	...	...	...
24½	15½	Brazing Power	16	...	9.8	11.4
28	18	Boyed 'A'	26	...	3.5	8.6
483	345	Brammer	477½	+ 1½	3.9	16.5
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	18	...	7.4	...
96	78	Brit Fittings	85	− 2	4.7	12.9
270	215	Caffyns	245	...	5.9	16.9
88	54	Central Mtr	77	...	4.5	20.9
94	79	Charles Sidney	82	...	5.6	12.9
61	35	Cook (DC)	55	...	3.9	8.1
320½	220	Cowie	303	+ 1	3.9	13.1
155	125	Dag Motors	128	...	7.1	10.4
590	503	[illegible]	543	+ 5	2.4	...
591	379¾	Diploma	588	+ 8	4.8	12.9
370	295	Electrocomponents	359½	+ 1½	2.2	22.6
207	153	[illegible]	201	− 1	1.8	20.2
235	64	Eurodollar	185	+ 5	9.2	8.4
120	87	European Mtr	99	+ 3	6.6	8.4
449	280	Evans Halshaw	287	...	6.8	8.9
732	512	Farnell Elect	692	...	1.8	19.8
72	48	Fife Indmx	66	...	6.2	10.8
24½	16	Gardiner	18½	...	5.5	8.1
37	16	Glasstrrmton	24¼	...	1.1	...
108	61	Gowrings	98	...	3.2	14.8
274	148	Heads (Frdrp)	218	...	4.2	13.9
225	142	[illegible]	223	...	2.4	19.5
554	258	[illegible]	549½	+ ½	2.3	20.4
137	81	Holders Tech	133	...	5.8	25.3
153	88	ISA Intl	153	...	1.3	16.7
439	209	Inchcape	260	+ 2	7.2	22.6
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	58	− 2	1.6	11.1
187	142	Kwik-Fit	176	− 1	3.3	15.0
358¼	264½	Lex Service	325	+ 2	5.5	17.3
195	144	Lookers	145	...	6.6	8.0
22	9	[illegible]	19½	...	5.7	14.2
9¼	5	Middlesex	8½	+ ¼	0.7	19.5
71	35	[illegible]	43	+ 1	...	6.1
594	330	[illegible]	475	...	2.0	18.1
268	78	[illegible]	256	− 1	0.9	20.5
155	135	PCT	135	...	7.1	8.6
283	225	Pendragon	277	...	3.8	14.5
165	123	Perry Gp	148	...	6.5	11.2
148	126	Quicks Group	128	...	5.2	17.8
198	160	REA	185	...	2.7	22.0
3¼	2¼	Reece	2¼	...		
73	48	Renold	58	...	2.6	12.8
8½	2½	Ross Gp	3½	...	...	...
69½	37½	SEP Ind	54	+ ½	3.8	...
17½	8½	[illegible]	13½	+ ½	...	7.7
271	228	Time Products	[illegible]	− 1	4.4	15.3
275	151	[illegible]	271	..	2.8	15.0
325	240	Wholesale Ftgs	325	...	4.5	20.3
80	54½	[illegible]	56	− ½	1.8	13.3
90	58½	Wyko	83	...	1.9	...
118	88	Young (H)	112	+ 8	4.4	...

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

ENGINEERING

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
24	19¼	Locker (T) A	20	..	2.8	15.4
45	28	ML Hldgs	39	...	4.2	12.7
39	19	MS Intl	31	...	2.4	...
239	137	Mang Bronze	227	...	2.8	11.3
476	378	McKechnie	426	+ 13	4.8	12.7
95	61	Meggitt	85	...	5.2	25.5
125	91¾	Mellor	112	...	4.2	17.9
138	96	Metalrax	96	...	4.9	20.7
825	487	Molins	772	...	2.8	13.5
415	293	Morgan Crble	395	− 2	4.2	17.4
316	178	Morris Ashby	259	− 3	3.4	13.5
55	32	Neepsend	53	...	3.8	11.2
70	41	[illegible]	51	...	4.2	10.4
41¼	12	O&R Ind	13½	...	6.9	...
392	233	Powerscreen	385	...	2.7	14.3
15½	4	Prospect Inds	4½	...	18.3	...
220	180	[illegible]	206	+ 3	4.7	...
73	60	Radiant Metal	65	...	...	...
60	35	Ransomes	55	...	...	...
86	58	Record	56	− 2	7.8	11.8
407	235¼	Renishaw	392	...	2.0	24.5
201	188	Renold	248	...	2.8	13.6
58	35	Richard (Leics)	36	...	7.6	12.5
99	68	Richardson West	79	...	5.5	13.0
200½	148	Rolls-Royce	198½	+ ½	3.1	28.5
182	159½	Rotork	179	+ 1	3.5	17.0
183	143	Rubicon	177	...	3.7	17.0
114	87	Senior Eng	98½	...	4.5	34.1
336	263	[illegible]	330	...	2.7	22.3
180	48	[illegible]	179	...	1.0	31.0
800	408	Siebe	764	− 4	2.1	21.8
99	67	Simon Eng	71	...	...	...
177	79	Six Hundred	154	...	1.8	11.8
1471¼	1034¾	SKF 'B'	1281¼	− 18½	3.3	11.8
871½	423	Smiths Ind	842	+ 13	2.8	30.4
628	431	Spirax-Sarco	624	...	2.4	28.6
283	227	Sterling Ind	268	...	3.4	13.9
481	358	TI	481	+ 11	3.2	22.5
102	82	Tinsley (E)	98	...	7.2	14.3
101	51	Transtec	83	...	2.1	...
184	127	Triplex Lloyd	149	...	5.9	11.1
18	14	Utd Indust	15½	...	3.0	12.4
15½	5	Verson	11	...	...	...
283	182	Vickers	251	− 4	2.7	20.2

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

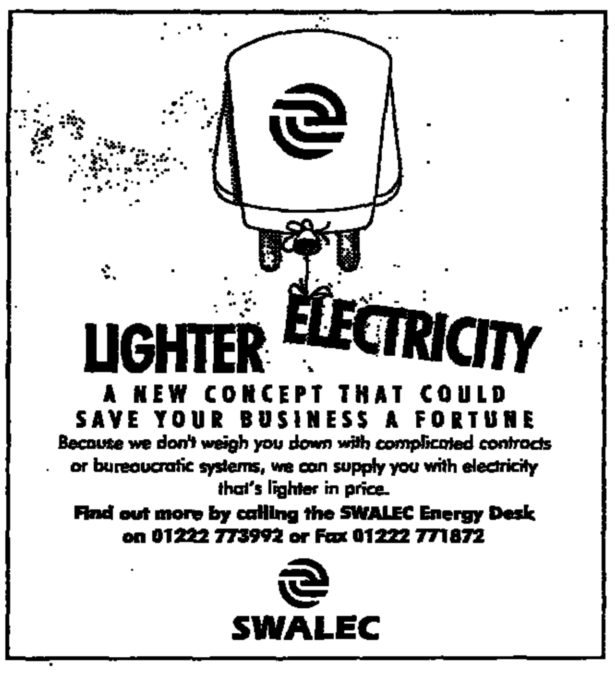
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
217	172	Bankers	215	+ ½	2.5	..
49½	28½	Baring Em Eu	49	+ ¼	...	
375	300	Baring Tribune	369		2.3	
96	84½	Br Assets	95	+ 1	6.0	..
99	83	Br Empire Sec	99½	+ 1	1.3	..
40	25	Br Empire Wts	30			
233	194	Br Inv	227		2.9	
101	68	[illegible]	72½	+ ¼		
260	211	Brunner	261	+ 1½	2.7	
138	115	BZW Conv	124½	+ ½	7.8	
509	318	Candover	498	...	3.2	
53	34½	Contl Euro Grth	48½		1.2	
186	161	[illegible]	181	+ 2½	2.1	
80	75	Dartm Inv Inc	75	..	13.9	
345	278	Derby Cap	339	...	...	
165	148	Derby Inc	158		14.4	
736	617	Dunedin Inc G	699		4.8	
81	73	Dunedin Japan	80½	+ ½		
333	295	Dunedin Smlr	319½		3.5	
42	18	Dunedin Wts	33			
827	679	Dunedin Worldwd	813		1.5	
109½	82¼	Edin Dragon	108	+ 1		
43½	21½	Edinburgh Inca	29½			
339	281	Edinburgh	338½	+ 1½	3.6	..
176	127	EFM Japan	170½	+ 2½		
376	307	Electra Inv	365		2.6	
228	180	Electric Gen	228		1.9	..
147	108	English Scot	143			
359	273	European Asset	350	+ 2	1.8	
201	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	201	+ 1	8.2	
83	62¼	Fidelity Jap Val	78½	+ ¼	0.2	
109	81	Fidelity Spec Val	103½	...	0.6	...
175	149	Finsbury 'A'	173		3.5	
90	62	First Spanish	90		0.3	
338	267	Fleming Amer	278½	+ ½	0.8	
74	51½	Fleming Chinese	65		1.0	
42	28	Fleming Ch Wts	42	+ 2½		
254	198	Fleming Claver	252		2.9	
368	288½	Fleming Cont	368	+ 1	1.2	
158	125	Fleming Em Mkts	153½			
258	199	Fleming Ent	247	− 1	2.6	..
371	278½	Fleming F East	369½	+ ½	0.5	
403	327	Fleming Fledg	402	+ 1	0.9	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	97		5.9	

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
92	72¼	Murray Emg Econ	89¼	+ ½	1.7	
40	18	Murray Em Ec Wt	37½			
65	54	Murray Euro	57½		0.8	
17½	5	Murray Eu Wts	7½			
381	308	Murray Income	374		4.9	
338	236	Murray Intl	336	+ 4	4.1	
183	182¼	Murray S/C DP	182	+ ¼		
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	148			
81	72	Murray S/C Inc	73		10.8	
3250	2800	Murray S/C Uts	3325		0.5	
484	376	Murray Small	464	− 3	1.2	
377	308	Murray Vent	358		4.2	
19	11	Newmarket	15			
61	53	[illegible] Inc	59		13.2	
79	61	[illegible] Cap	65			
387	316	O'seas Inv Tst	375	+ 1	1.2	
199	156	O'seas Wts	194	+ 1		
144¼	90½	Pacific Assets	144¼	+ 2½	0.3	
95	73¼	Perpetual Jap	92¼	+ 1¼		
288	216	Perpt UK Sm Co	298		1.2	
£116	8425	Personal Assets	£114½		2.2	
125	103	Pilot Inv	121	+ 1	2.2	
115	87½	[illegible] Inc	115	+ ½	4.2	
217	164	RIT Cap Ptn	215		0.9	
35	26½	River Merc Am Cap	35			
105	97	River Merc Am Incr	103		9.5	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	10			
134	114	River Merc Cap	125	− 1		
[illegible]	77½	River Merc Em Inc	86		11.3	
16	5	River Merc Ex IncWt	5			
85	78	River Merc Gtd Inc	82		11.6	
29	25½	River Merc Grd Pd	26			
112	105	River Merc Ex Inc	105		11.0	
141	112	River Merc Sm Co	129		4.2	
43	20	River Merc Sm Wt	29			
468	394	Robeco	467		3.0	
488	398	Rolinco	488		1.5	
114	95	Schrod Asia Pac	111			
117	102	Schrod Inc Gwth	115			
96	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	92	+ 1½		
861	635¾	Schrod Korea	845	+ 4		
298	146	Schrod Medium	291		0.3	
30	21	Schrod Split Cap	22			
113	100	Schrod Split Inc	101		9.7	



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LEISURE & HOTELS

MEDIA

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	335	Abbott Mead	469	+ 2	2.1	27.8
310	260	Adscene	289	..	3.7	14.9
41	22	Aegis Gp	40½	..	..	16.1
7¼	1¼	Allied Radio	3¼			
15	9	BBB Design	15			
315	155	Barbour Index	311	..	3.6	38.4
10½	4½	[illegible]	8			

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
345	315	Black (A&C)	325	..	5.4	12.6
281	174	Blenheim Gp	244	− 1	5.3	15.0
254	136	Border TV	249	..	2.2	20.4
369	335	[illegible]	367		4.5	18.9
461	242	BSkyB	436	+ 8½	0.8	46.0
158	126	CIA Gp	133		1.8	26.2
35	32	Caledonian Med	25	− ½		
581	343	Capital Radio	561	− 4	2.3	...
1262	851	Carlton Comm	1031	− 6	1.8	..
405	248	Chrysalis	434		0.9	...
100	81	City of Lon	81		7.7	19.3
116	63	[illegible]	95	+ 2		
1431¼	1181¼	Daily Mail	1359½	..	1.6	..
1278¼	859¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1275	..	1.7	..
558	295	Dorling Kind	527		0.9	43.0
574	385	EMAP	535	− 2	2.6	20.8
904¼	584¾	Elsevier	879	− 2¼	2.5	22.2
1656	930	Euromoney Pbl	1138		4.8	..
25½	10	[illegible]	20	− ½	...	13.2
520	333	Flextech	445			
240	143	GGT Group	230		3.0	17.5
183	109¼	GWR Gp	185		1.5	..
203	198	[illegible] Group	201	+ 1	2.7	13.2
36	13	[illegible]	29	...	0.3	..
222	130½	[illegible]	219		2.7	18.7
302	132	HTV Group	295	+ 1	1.1	31.6
358	255	Haynes Pub	290		4.1	14.3
53	17	Highbury Hse	21			
393	223	Hodder H'line	245	− 1	3.1	15.2
165	137	Home Counts	163		4.2	18.6
348	238	IBC	273	− 5	3.7	11.7
14	6½	Incepta	14	+ 1		6.8
408	348	Independent	408		2.7	19.5
135	98	Intereurope	100	..	9.8	
169	136	Johnston Press	159	+ 1	1.7	18.5
25	15	Lopex	16		3.9	15.4
255	63	MAID	193	+ 6	..	
687	529	Metal Bulletin	655		2.4	27.6
133	109	[illegible]	128	+ 1	3.4	13.2
189½	120	Mirror Gp	177	+ 1	2.6	11.5
497½	344	More O'Ferrall	486	...	3.4	20.0
385	251	News Corp	350	+ 9	0.4	10.3
338	207	News Intl	309		1.4	11.8
35	15	[illegible]	28		1.2	

MINING

OIL & GAS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
49	23	Scott Pickfords	23	− 1	4.9	15.8
109¾	67½	[illegible]	92		...	48.2
880	687	Shell	829	+ 2	4.3	18.4
4643¾	3234¾	Total	4596¼	− 16¾	3.4	18.3
14½	8½	[illegible] Gp	13			
349	221	Woodside	344	+ 7	1.1	...
58	25	XCL	25	− 1	...	...

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
123	78½	Aberdeen Tst	117		2.7	...
101	75	[illegible]	86	− 1	6.1	14.0
78	38	Berry Birch Nbl	40		8.1	11.3
285	148	[illegible]	260		...	

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
158	112	Brewin Dolphin	153		4.9	15.8
744	625	Caledonia	713		3.0	22.7
2400	1900	[illegible]	2031¼	...	2.3	18.7
22½	13	[illegible]	19		1.6	20.2
218	142	Cattles	215		3.5	19.0
35	16	[illegible]	21	..		
102	61	EFT Group	95		2.4	17.1
775	653	[illegible]	705	− 20	4.3	16.5
186	91	Exco	92	− 1	8.2	4.7
305	161	Gartmore	254	− 10	2.7	22.0
1772	963	Henderson Ad	1132	..	5.0	23.1
266	182½	Invesco	241	...	2.5	16.6
49	41	Investment Co	42		6.8	12.9
237	188	Ivory Sime	234		4.1	17.4
248¼	164½	Jardine Strat	208¼	− 3	4.5	6.7
144	85	Johnson Fry	114		4.4	8.0
242½	131	Lon Forfaiting	231	...	5.1	16.5
379	218	London Pacific	218	− 1	8.6	3.5
182	116	Lon Scot Bk	176		3.1	20.4
182	139	Man ED & F	150		8.0	7.6
1354	953	M & G	1292	− 3	3.1	25.8
350	274	MAI	346	− 3	3.1	17.2
130½	78	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	125½	...	6.9	...
956	680	MAM	873	+ 7	3.9	19.2
130	90	Ntl Home Loans	108	+ 4	1.2	3.8
1976	1159	Perpetual	1978	+ 73	2.5	30.9
852	515	Provident	805	+ 1	3.9	17.6
335	245	Rathbone Br	334		3.8	17.2
41½	24½	Rutland Tst	32½	− ½	4.2	16.8
356	281	S & U	315		5.2	9.3
193	181½	SJP Capital	186½		3.6	30.0
542¾	385¾	Swire Pacific	542¾	+ 4½	2.2	21.2
78	39	Towry Law	39		8.0	
371	302	Transatlantic	349		5.2	22.8
26	3	Trio Hldgs	5	...	...	...
26	13	Western Selectn	13	− 2		51.7

BRITISH FUNDS

1995/6 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
109¾	102¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	102¾	−	14.86	6.23
107¼	102¼	Exch 13¼% 1996	102¼	−	12.98	6.22
104	103	Conv 10% 1996	103		9.70	6.07
101¾	97¾	Treas 7% 1997	101	+	6.91	6.09
109	106	Treas 13¼% 1997	106xd	...	12.39	6.05
105	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.04	6.07
104	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	103	+	8.42	6.12
117	114	Exch 15% 1997	114	+	13.09	6.18
107	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	106	+	9.15	6.19
102	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	+	7.11	6.26
100½	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	..	6.74	6.09
117	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	+	12.09	6.30
124	120	Treas 15½% 1998	122	+	12.68	6.40
114	109	Exch 12% 1998	114	+	10.51	6.44
109	109	Treas 9½% 1999	108	+	8.79	6.45
118	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	116	+	10.54	6.51
111	105	Treas 10½% 1999	111	+	9.40	6.52
98	89	Treas 6% 1999	98	+	6.10	6.53
112	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	+	9.15	6.74
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
109	100	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.31	6.64
105	98	Treas 8% 2000	105	+	7.59	6.67
124	117	Treas 13% 2000	122	+	10.49	6.67
112	104	Treas 10% 2001	113	+	8.82	6.87
100	90	Treas 7% 2001	100	+	6.98	6.87
114	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	+	8.56	7.04
105	94	Treas 8% 2003	105	+	7.62	7.09
116	105	Treas 10% 2003	116	+	8.59	7.14
119	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	+	9.63	6.96
83	76	Fund 3½% 1999-04	83	+	4.20	6.00
114	103	Conv 9½% 2004	114	+	8.33	7.29
99	87	Treas 6¾% 2004	98	+	7.00	7.29
108	97	Treas 8½% 2005	108	+	7.86	7.30
114	103	Conv 9½% 2005	114	+	8.32	7.34
130	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130	+	9.56	7.28
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	101	+	7.40	7.31
102	92	Treas 7¾% 2006	102	+	7.54	7.35
104	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	+	7.71	7.44
124	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124	+	9.44	7.21
108	97	Treas 8½% 2007	108	+	7.85	7.39
138	126	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	+	9.79	7.28
112	101	Treas 9% 2008	112	+	8.08	7.45
104	94	Treas 8% 2009	104	+	7.69	7.50
LONGS (over 15 years)						
88	79	Treas 6¼% 2010	88	−	7.10	7.60
112	101	Conv 9% 2011	112	+	8.00	7.60
112	102	Treas 9% 2012	112	+	7.98	7.61
82	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	82	+	6.68	7.35
103	93	Treas 8% 2013	103	+	7.73	7.63
101	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101	+ 1	7.64	7.60
103	93	Treas 8% 2015	103	+	7.73	7.64
111	100	Treas 8¾% 2017	110	+	7.89	7.69
141	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	140	+	8.53	7.72
UNDATED						
45	40	War Ln 3½%	45	+	7.77	...
31	28	Treas 2½%	31	...	7.91	...
50	45	Consols 4%	50	+	7.91	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
215	201	Treas IL 2% 1996	215	+	...	1.88
112	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+	1.31	2.44
179	165	Treas IL 2½% 2001	178	+	2.85	3.31
175	161	Treas IL 2½% 2003	174	+	3.04	3.40
115	103	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115	+	3.04	3.37
184	169	Treas IL 2% 2006	183	+	3.17	3.43
169	152	Treas IL 2½% 2009	168	+	3.28	3.47
173	157	Treas IL 2½% 2011	172	+	3.32	3.51
142	129	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141	+	3.36	3.53
152	137	Treas IL 2½% 2016	151	+	3.42	3.56
145	131	Treas IL 2½% 2020	144	+	3.47	3.60
122	109	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120	+	3.48	3.59
120	108	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	119	+	3.49	3.60

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2100	435	Brit Biotech	1795	+ 5	...	...
369	103	Cantab Pharm	360			
614	233½	Celltech	583	+ 5	..	
325	92½	Chiroscience	323	+ 9	..	..
188	31	Cortecs	167	− 1		
917	587	Glaxo Wellcome	902	+ 16½	4.2	20.6
294	162	Medeva	273	+ 3	1.6	17.6
719	273	Scotia	583	+ 20	..	
722	444	SmithKline	693	+ 5	2.4	30.5
714	416	SmithKline Uts	680	+ 10	2.5	20.2
1337½	840	Zeneca	1291	+ 43	2.7	26.3

PRINTING & PAPER

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
269¾	163	Frost Group	181	+ 11	4.4	15.2
87	48	[illegible]	79	..	3.2	17.6
229	112	[illegible] Gp	203	− 8	2.1	18.4
695	508	GUS	628½	+ 15½	2.8	18.1
351	179	Hamleys	338	+ 8	2.8	15.1
88	25	[illegible] Gp	83		2.3	16.0
183	125	Hse of Fraser	176	+ 4	3.9	22.7
80	57	Hughes (TJ)	57	...	5.8	12.6
168	95	Innovations	139		1.7	70.4
610	229	JJB Sports	598	+ 12	1.3	27.9
560	378	Kingfisher	559	+ 5	3.6	17.6
184	100	Kingsbury Gp	184	+ 4	1.6	25.9
365	206	Liberty	308	...	2.9	32.7
306	184	Lloyds Chem	291	+ 10	4.4	10.9
165	105	MFI	156	+ 3	3.4	22.3
457	371	Marks Spencer	425½	+ 4	3.0	18.8
645	500	Menzies (John)	631		2.6	14.1
638	338	Moss Bros	630	+ 1	2.2	18.4
469	252	Next	427	+ 6	2.9	20.5
54	27	OEM	39			
96	34	Olives (G)	57		2.2	63.5
410	243	[illegible]	408		3.5	16.1
93	70	Partridge Fine	73		5.7	10.1
155	41	QS Hldgs	41	..	15.8	10.7
17½	5¼	[illegible] Grp	11	− ¼	...	...
193	113	Rosebys	192		2.2	22.2
120¼	95½	Sears	97	...	5.1	15.4
24	11½	Signet Group	16¼	− ¼		
484	321	Smith WH	414	+ 10	4.7	14.6
950	638	Sothebys	825		1.9	
349	209	Storehouse	295	+ 1	2.8	18.2
148	112	Style	113	− 2	5.2	9.7
203	143	T & S Stores	189		4.4	12.0
169	98	Tie Rack	169		2.0	17.7
4½	1	Upton & Southn	2½			
590	424	Vendome	558	+ 2	2.3	20.3
35	14	WEW Group	17		5.1	10.1
84	35	Wd of Leather	79	+ 9	2.4	
210	156	Wyevale	210	..	2.1	16.7

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	476½	Allied Domecq	549	+ 6	8.1	19.9
510	390	Bulmer (HP)	508	..	3.0	15.9
146	99	Burn Stewart	125	− 1	5.0	26.9
467	352	Grand Met	447	+ 4	4.2	15.7
536	404	Guinness	483		3.6	15.0
445	317	Highland Dist	326	− 4	3.0	14.8
217	175	Macallan-Glen	183	− 5	0.9	40.6
710	600	[illegible] 'A'	625		2.2	17.6
694	532	Matthew Clark	678	− 2	4.1	
140	61	[illegible] Wt	108	..	2.3	

SUPPORT SERVICES

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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TRANSPORT

WATER

1995/6 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2400	1855	South Staffs	2388	..	3.9	13.9
555	459	South West	498	− 1	7.0	6.9
731	517	Southern	685	+ 1	6.1	8.1
575	456	Thames	538		6.1	7.3
641	457¼	Utd Utilities	572	− 2	5.8	7.4
800	592¼	Welsh	742	+ 11	7.1	8.9
109½	100½	Welsh Cnv Prf	104¼	+ ½	9.4	
361	256¼	Wessex	327	+ 1	5.3	7.0
677½	472	Yorkshire	597¼	+ 7½	5.9	7.8

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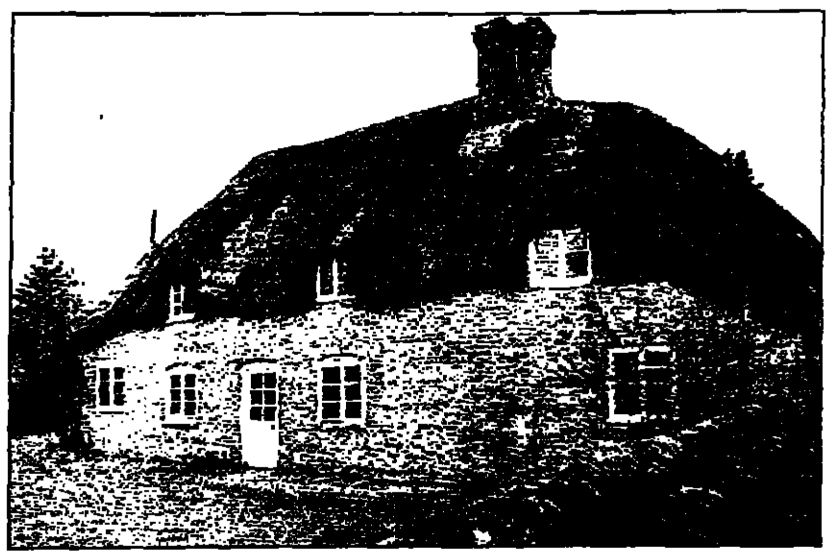
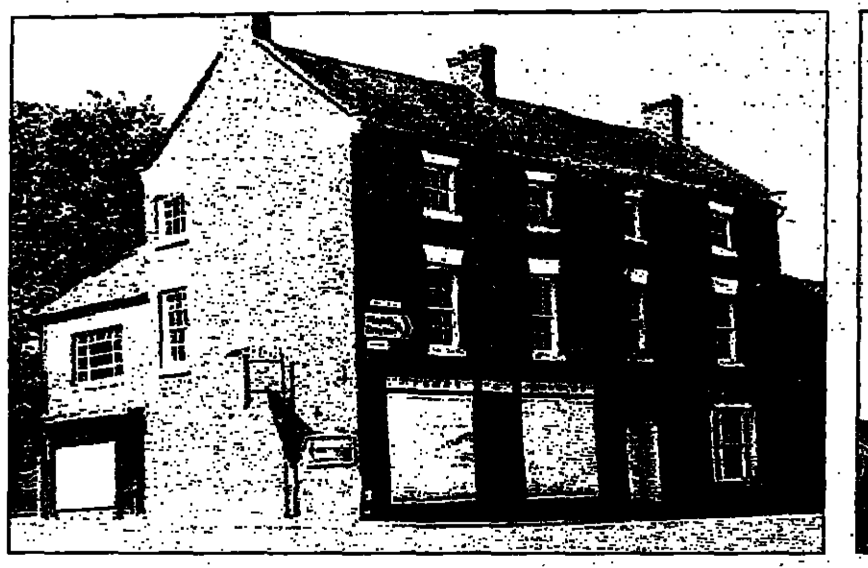
Rachel Kelly studies the difference between dreams and reality when taking on a listed house in need of repair



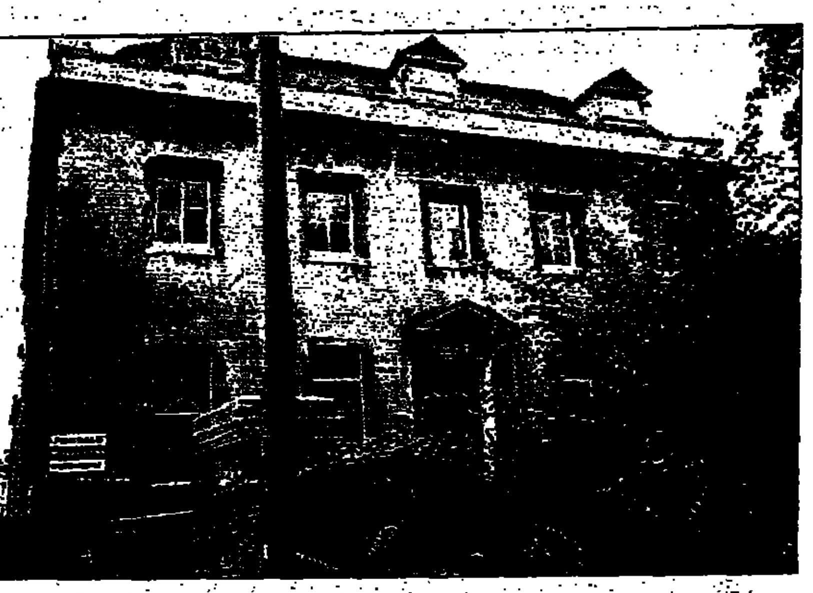
Moretons Cottage, Winterborne Whitchurch, Dorset

☐ A late 18th or early 19th-century thatched flint and brick cottage in a poor state with an unstable thatched roof. The owner can be contacted via the conservation officer of North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7LL (01258 454111).



Walford House, Drayton Road, Hodnet, Shropshire

☐ The early three-storey 19th-century brick house has a plain tile roof, four sash windows on the first and second floors, a double shopfront on the ground floor, and an adjoining stable and garden. The house is dilapidated. The owner can be contacted via North Shropshire District Council (01939 232771).



Monmouth House, Cork Street, Frome, Somerset

☐ This 18th-century town house in Frome's town centre has a pedimented central front door, a tiled mansard roof and one-and-a-half adjoining acres earmarked for development. The whole property is on sale for £300,000 (the house, stables, small garden and parking area for £100,000) through McAllisters (01373 453592).

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Those wishing to convert dreams into reality should peruse *One Damned Building After Another*, the latest catalogue of historic buildings in urgent need of repair from the conservation group Save Britain's Heritage.

This year's report is the seventh in a series from Save. All chant a familiar litany: the risks that face more than 100,000 historic buildings.

English Heritage, a quango, estimates that 7 per cent of listed buildings are officially at risk in England, which is some 37,000 buildings. A further 14 per cent, 73,000 buildings, are vulnerable.

Save has selected 130 to feature in its report. Details come largely from the conservation officers in local authorities who have spotted a rotting building and tried to contact its owners, often without success. A would-be buyer would have to take up the challenge.

Councils can serve a repairs notice, then a compulsory purchase order and take ownership of the building. In the past, councils often quailed at the prospect and would rather have let the building collapse. "Councils are less scared now," says Jessica Pocock, author of the report. "They know that through our reports they have a number of contacts who have pledged their interest in buying the building on from the council, in what is known as a 'back-to-back' deal."

Some owners have also put their buildings in the catalogue. "Hitherto, these owners had not considered putting the buildings on the market, perhaps considering them worthless except as development sites," Ms Pocock says. Owners who have rural buildings, perhaps on an estate, are realising that they could arrange a long repairing lease with a new buyer, thereby keeping the building in their ownership while seeing it repaired.

Enlightened estate agents and members of the public are also sending cases to Save to include. "Such people are invaluable," Ms Pocock says. "There are still black spots where councils simply do not care or will not help."

So should you try to buy a wreck? Dreams should be swiftly swapped for reality, says Emma Phillips, the secretary of Save. The first problem could well be persuading the owner to sell. "Often these buildings are derelict through the owners' neglect, or are the victims of unscrupulous attempts to get profitable planning permissions for demolition or grants for repair."

Getting a realistic valuation may prove tricky if the owner is recalcitrant about selling. The council could prove your ally, Ms Phillips says. "It could use its powers to serve repairs notices with the threat of compulsory purchase."

Those whose fancy is not tickled by any houses in the Save report could directly contact English county councils who have their own lists of buildings at risk which they sell to the public, or the Scottish Civic Trust which runs a brilliant database in Scotland.

It is often worth contacting a county's buildings preservation trust, via the county council conservation office, as they may have knowledge of buildings at risk. Sometimes they will have the restored shells of buildings for sale. Membership of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings could yield sources of information.

First buy your house. Then English Heritage, the Victorian Society and the Georgian Group will all help with advice on restoration. As they are the statutory consultants on all applications for listed buildings, your proposals will by law be submitted to them anyway. Better to liaise with the council's conservation officer than cause friction.

If you can, secure a Government grant. The best place to get an improvement grant is Wales. English Heritage will almost never grant aid to a building unless it has approved the work and the building is Grade II* or Grade I. But the same body in Wales, Cadw, has the discretionary right to commit grant money for repairs to buildings in conservation areas and in any of the three grades of listing.

Local councils will sometimes have conservation area grants or home improvement grants for windows or for roof lagging as part of energy conservation. However, UPVC windows will probably never get past the scrutiny of the building conservation officer, however much they may save on the heating bills.

- One Damned Building After Another, *by Jessica Pocock, £10.95 inc. P&P from Save Britain's Heritage, 68 Battersea High Street, London SW11 3HX (0171-228 3336). English Heritage (0171-973 3000); The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (0171-377 1644); The Georgian Group (0171-387 1720); The Victorian Society (0181-994 1019).*

From a hall with gargoyles to a home

RICHARD DAJCZAR and his wife Denise bought Leighton Hall, near the market town of Welshpool and 25 miles from Shrewsbury on the border of Shropshire and Powys, in November last year for £190,000. The Grade II* listed hall, its church and estate were built for John Naylor, the High Sheriff and true Victorian tycoon, between 1850 and 1856 at vast cost and on a massive scale.

The hall was built with a view of Powis Castle and abounds with castellations, towers, gargoyles and mullioned windows. The interior was decorated by J. G. Grace to Pugin's designs, now in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. The gardens were set out in 1860 by Edward Kemp, a pupil of Paxton, and ranged from formal to woodland, linked by a series of pools and bridges.

The estate was broken up before the First World War and remained largely unused until the early 1980s when it was briefly used as a school. Since then, although permission was granted for its conversion to offices, museum and arts centre in 1985 and 1994, it has stood neglected. Mr Dajczar, a metal broker, and his wife bought the house from a bank which had repossessed the property from a businessman.

Restoration work is in progress. Dry rot has been rectified, roofs repaired, windows mended, and £10,000 spent. Why bother? "I think it's because it's very rewarding to think that you'll leave something after you die," says Mr Dajczar. "We hope the house will still be standing in a few hundred years time."

HE CAUTIONS that although he was offered a 20 per cent grant on emergency repair work, by the time the grant had been applied for and agreed to, the work had to begin if the house was not to collapse altogether.

Mr Dajczar says that the experience will not stop him applying for grants in the future. He hopes to convert the 35-room house into two large family flats; one for him and his wife and the other for his business partner, Graham Meigh. "It is hard work. It's a form of therapy: some people play golf, I restore houses." And the property is bulging with history. "The first American redwoods were planted here." His main advice? "Get two surveys. One will spot problems that the other one hasn't."

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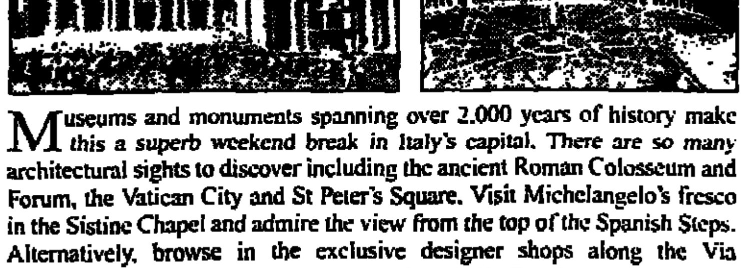

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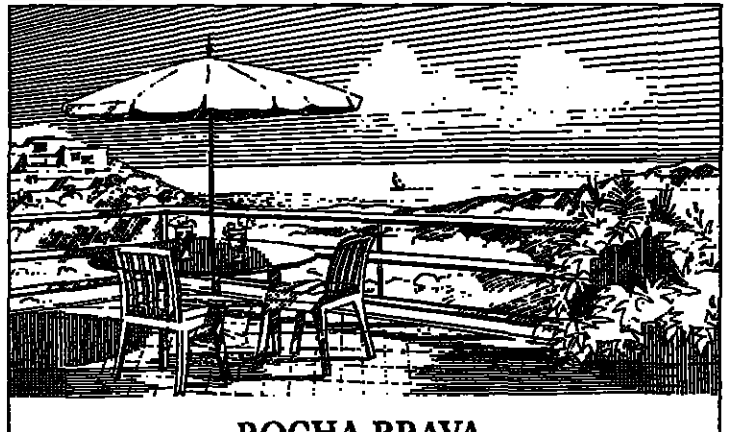

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Art's secret geniuses, from A to Z

This weekend the BBC is mounting a festival at the Barbican to celebrate Charles Ives, the American composer whose pieces anticipated the wildest innovations of 20th-century music. Ives was one of history's "secret geniuses": pioneers who are so far ahead of their contemporaries' taste or understanding that they are declared mad, or ignored, or forced to earn a living doing something completely different. To the outside world Ives was the boss of a large insurance company. Only at the end of his life did America wake up to the musical visionary in its midst.

Who are the other secret geniuses? Some suffered hardship or persecution; others simply enjoyed bamboozling their contemporaries with their double or even triple lives. A few managed a single flash of inspiration in otherwise mundane careers. We have assembled a varied sample, an A to Z of Great Originals, ranging across 2,500 years. Perhaps this parade says something about the ceaseless quest of mankind for new ways of expression. Or perhaps it reads like the guest-list for the dinner party from hell. Either way, we hope readers will be inspired to discover and champion other secret geniuses — preferably while they are still alive.

"To the outside world Charles Ives was an insurance salesman. Only at the end of his life did America wake up to the visionary in its midst"

Arcimboldo, Giuseppe. Four centuries before *The Sun* turned the England football manager into a turnip-head, Arcimboldo was painting human heads made out of vegetables and flowers. Rudolf II of Prague was probably none too keen on his court painter's penchant for greengrocery, but Arcimboldo was venerated by the 20th-century Surrealists.

Börlin, Jean. In the daring 1920s, Jean Börlin went furthest. His Swedish Ballet (based in Paris, oddly) was probably responsible for the first black ballet, the first gay ballet, the first Cubist one, the first feminist one, the first Eskimo one and the first about the Brazilian rainforest. Just think how many grants he would have qualified for today. He died in 1930, aged 37; most of his work is lost.

Chénier, André-Marie. Too late — in fact while waiting to be guillotined — the royalist diplomat Chénier discovered the lyrical poetic style that was to inspire generations of French Romantics. His poems were not published until 1819, 25 years after his execution, and Chénier fans had to wait nearly a century before their hero had the dubious distinction of being turned into a lurid Italian opera.

Dickinson, Emily. And on the subject of great neglected poets, here is the supreme example. She lived in one little Massachusetts house all her life; she wrote enough poetry to run to 800 pages in her Collected Works, and saw virtually none published in her lifetime. It was too weird for her prosaic contemporaries. Still, as she wrote: "The carriage held but just Ourselves/And Immortality".

Eccles, Solomon. We have no idea how good he was at his first profession, playing the viol and virginals. But after he had ceremonially burnt his instruments on Tower Hill he became England's first zany performance-artist, running naked through the streets during the Great Plague, shouting "the end is nigh", or words to that effect. It wasn't; he emigrated to the West Indies where he was prosecuted for further unwise behaviour.

Frame, Janet. Wrongly diagnosed as a schizophrenic and confined to mental hospitals between 1945 and 1954, the New Zealand writer distilled her experiences in visionary novels. Worldwide fame, however, only came to her in the 1990s, when Jane Campion turned her autobiography, *An Angel at My Table*, into a stunning film.

Gregorian Chant. For 1,400 years Pope Gregory I's favourite tunes were the best-kept secret of men in cassocks and sandals. Then a record-company executive had a bright idea ... and those old mixolydian chants soared to the top of the charts! His Holiness would not have been amused.

Harington, Sir John. Queen Elizabeth I called him "that saucy poet, my godson", and expelled him from court on several occasions for being a bit *too* saucy with the satire. But his true genius lay in the invention of the water closet, bizarrely concealed in a book called *The Metamorphosis of Ajax*. Alas, sophisticated plumbing was not to feature in ordinary English life for several centuries after that.

Ingamells, Reginald. Just 24 when he died in 1955, Ingamells nevertheless began a revolution: the Australian literary group he founded, Jindyworobaks (Aboriginal for "takeover"), pioneered native culture as being equal to the work of "dead white European males" like Shakespeare and Milton, and prepared the way for the wonderful concept that we now call Political Correctness.

Juvenal, Decimus. After a career as a soldier, knocking sense into the Britons, Juvenal produced 16 biting satires on life in decadent, 2nd-century Rome. He was especially good at descriptions of what are coyly known as "unnatural practices". Not unexpectedly, the Emperor of the day (Domitian) took exception and banished Juvenal, who died penniless.

Kafka, Franz. Like Charles Ives, Kafka spent most of his working life in an insurance office. Unlike Ives, he was desperately unhappy and mostly very ill. He demanded that his three great novels of paranoid gloom be destroyed, unpublished, after his death. Luckily for us, his wishes were ignored. Very Kafkaesque.

Laclos, Pierre Choderlos de. Only once did this fun-loving French army officer pick up his pen to write a novel. But what a novel! What a play! What a film! The only pity is that Laclos, author of *Les Liaisons dangereuses*, wasn't around to see Glenn Close and Michelle Pfeiffer do their stuff on the big screen: he was a connoisseur of fine *décolletages*.

Mighty Handful. The curious thing about the five great nationalist composers of 19th-century Russia, nicknamed the "Mighty Handful" (or *moguchaya kuchka* — it sounds so much better in Russian), was that they all had day-jobs. The young Rimsky-Korsakov was a naval officer who sketched his First Symphony while docked at Gravesend. Cui was an army general; Mussorgsky a part-time civil servant and full-time alcoholic; Balakirev a railway freight agent; and Borodin a chemistry professor. Odd to imagine that lot discussing the merits of the bassoon.

Neer, Aert van der. It took a long time for Neer's moonlit scenes of Amsterdam canals to be recognised as masterpieces. Too long for poor old Aert, who opened the 17th-century equivalent of an off-licence and found that he was no better at selling wine than paintings. He was declared bankrupt in 1662.

O Cadhain, Máirtin. An IRA recruiting officer during the 1930s, O Cadhain was interned during the war, and then published a stunning novel: *Cré na Cille*, a mordant series of monologues and conversations among corpses in a village graveyard. Later appointed a professor at Trinity College in Dublin, he was fluent in four Gaelic languages and six others. The IRA's literary traditions have declined somewhat since his time.

Pepys, Samuel. A real "secret genius", since his ebullient diaries were written in a code that was not cracked until 160 years after his death. How unlike our own dear political masters, whose dreary jottings are serialised in the Sunday prints before the ink is dry.

Quarles, Francis. Essex Man to his lace cuffs, Romford-born Quarles rose through Jacobean society to hold such amazing posts as Cup-Bearer to Princess Elizabeth of Bohemia, and Chronologer to the City of London. He also fathered 18 children. Between these various exertions he wrote some damn fine bits of poetry.

Rouget de Lisle, Claude-Joseph. In 1792 Rouget de Lisle, a young army engineer, overheard the Mayor of Strasbourg expressing regret that his soldiers had no tune to sing as they marched. He rushed home and worked through the night on a patriotic song. It caught on with the Marseillais volunteers marching on Paris. Thus was the *Marseillaise* born. Ironically, Rouget de Lisle was a fervant royalist, and later imprisoned by those same revolutionary forces. So much for gratitude.

Sax, Adolphe. Strange that a 19th-century Belgian inventor should have created the quintessential sound of 20th-century American angst: the saxophone. Alas, Sax died before the first jazzman appeared, and believed his instrument — which had been reviled by classical musicians — to be a failure.

Thompson, Jim. Nobody took much notice of Thompson's violent novels until after he died in 1977. Then somebody rediscovered "pulp fiction", and Thompson — who pulped his fiction with the best of them — became a cult author. His hard-boiled masterpiece, *The Grifters*, was filmed in 1990.

Utzon, Jorn. The Dane designed the most beautiful of all 20th-century buildings — the Sydney Opera House — and was then forced to resign at the planning stage by pea-brained officials. Now 77, he has never returned to Sydney, and so has never seen his *magnum opus* complete.

Van Gogh, Vincent. The greatest of all ignored geniuses, and probably the maddest too, though the competition is tough. Odd to think that if an English schoolmistress had not spurned his advances at an impressionable age, he might have developed into a well-balanced young man, and never painted a canvas. Another triumph for British stiff upper lip.

Wainewright, Thomas. Early 19th-century London would have been duller without Wainewright, who exhibited his paintings at the Royal Academy but whose prime talents lay in stranger fields. He forged bank orders and poisoned two in-laws and an uncle, having fraudulently insured them first. A lively essayist, too.

Xosroviduxt. Classic FM has not yet discovered the music of the 8th-century woman composer Xosroviduxt, despite her seminal position in early Armenian hymnography. Abducted by Muslims, she was incarcerated in a fortress for 20 years, during which she lamented the death of her murdered brother by composing a great hymn, recently sanctioned by the Armenian Church for use in services.

Yun, Isang. Yun was a Second World War hero, jailed by the Japanese but escaping to fight with the Korean resistance. Later, studying music in Europe, he was denounced as a class traitor by his own government, kidnapped by Korean agents, forcibly returned to his homeland and sentenced to life imprisonment. The outcry from musicians across the world forced the Koreans to release him. Amazingly, through all his tribulations, he managed to compose some wonderfully evocative music.

Zeno of Elea. Finally, here is a splendid chap to have on your side in a pub argument. He lived quietly in an ancient Greek colony, but his superbly infuriating paradoxes — *Achilles and the Tortoise*, *The Flying Arrow*, to name but two of his bigger hits — were still tickling the minds of thinkers like Charles Dodgson and Bertrand Russell some 2,300 years later.

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The first of their two London concerts began with an inevitably poignant performance of the *Study for String Orchestra* by Pavel Haas. An earnest body of still young German musicians tuned their spirits to a work which had been written and performed in the Terezin concentration camp by a composer who was to die with his fellow artists in the gas-chambers.

The orchestra's string players brought fervour to its initial buoyant cross-rhythms. They knotted them into strenuous counterpoint, allowed the music to sink as syncopation turned to sighing, and renewed its energy for four final notes striving upwards to a chord of uneasy affirmation.

Stefan Sanderling was the evening's conductor, son of Kurt, and standing in at short notice for an indisposed Jiri Belohlavek, whose influence was clearly felt in the largely Czech programme. Sanderling is a gentle enabler of a conductor, reluctant to impose his personality on the music or give it definition. He let cellos and basses have their way in the opening of Dvořák's Nocturne in B and was scarcely less self-effacing in the Serenade for String Orchestra.

Here, these alert players may well have sharpened their repartee, tautened their entries and flexed their dancing muscles more without a conductor. As it was, both players and conductor were cautious, waiting to see what the other would do.

The robust temperament and assured direction of Imogen Cooper strengthened the profile of the evening's performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2. The delight of this orchestra lies in the audibility and character of its many individual voices. Cooper took the work in hand, tuning in to all these voices with grace and mischief. Her first movement cadenza became an ensemble of voices and her second movement was resonant with a relaxed intensity, left hand, right hand and orchestral correspondents bound together in a single singing line.

HILARY FINCH

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Fame at last for the quiet man?

John Downton died in 1991 after a life of painting and writing in solitude. Now we can see his work

John Downton is probably the only important 20th-century artist never to seek recognition. When he died in obscurity in 1991 at the age of 85, even his own family were astonished by his work. Now 170 of his paintings and drawings are open to view in a major touring exhibition which has opened at the Graves Art Gallery in Sheffield.

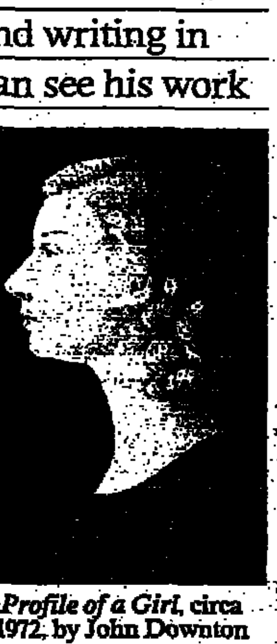
Downton's forte was portraiture, combining elements of the Italian Renaissance and contemporaries such as Lucian Freud. Yet his watercolour landscapes of northern Italy and Switzerland, which entranced him from the time of his first visit at 17, have the light and delicacy of Turner.

Throughout his life, Downton painted in self-imposed exile. He was never an actual recluse, partly because of his passion for music, feelings he dramatised in a depiction in one of his paintings of the hands of a girl conducting. A gifted violinist, he loved to perform.

Downton had been fascinated with drawing since childhood, when he amused himself with his sketchpad during long church sermons. He read art history at Cambridge before going to the Slade, but the sober urban realism of the Euston Road School founders was in favour. After being advised not to paint in tempera like the Old Masters, he quit.

Fortunately, his father's success as a businessman and inventor of an underwater telephone cable meant that Downton had no need to earn a living. He was free to choose his own artistic direction, which also came to include writing treatises on philosophy and aesthetics. Consequently, the only pictures ever seen, even by friends and family, amounted to little more than the seven he exhibited at the Royal Academy from 1936 to 1940. Among them was his curiously unnaturalistic painting of a philosopher at a window with factory chimneys outside, the pose taken from a portrait by Holbein, the style from that of Carlo Crivelli, a 15th-century Venetian master.

The picture encapsulates the contradiction in Downton's life. He was unhappy with the advances of science and the materialism of the 20th century. He was a pacifist and in 1940 became a conscientious objector. Yet he was able to paint as he wanted because of the money from his father's inventions.



Profile of a Girl, circa 1972, by John Downton

Downton's portraits are mostly of the people he encountered. A restless bachelor, he often moved home, living variously in East Anglia, London and the South East.

Downton's *Eve* is a confident image of a woman of 1939, although his inspiration is a Crivelli Renaissance garden. His portrait of his cousin, Francis Witts, is that of a 15th-century Italian noblewoman with the earphone hairstyle of an Evelyn Waugh heroine. Financial security also meant that Downton was able to visit galleries at leisure far and wide, and he did so at every opportunity. Tempera remained his favourite medium. But however much he was immersed in the past, he had a clarity of expression to rival that of Freud.

Yet Downton put his writing first, although most of it was unpublished, and he died after the strain of rescuing heavy boxes of manuscripts from a flood in his cellar.

The exhibition is a selection of the work he left, all of which is to be bequeathed to the nation's galleries and museums, thanks to his surviving sister, Hilda.

ALISON BECKETT

● John Downton, Temperas and Drawings, *at the Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, to February 24; Glyn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea, March 23-May 5; Bankside Gallery, London SE1, June 8-23; Plymouth Art Gallery and Museum, August 3-September 14; Harris Art Gallery, Preston, September 23-December 6*

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British director Mike Figgis talks about his rise from Tyneside to Hollywood . . .

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. . . and the chances of his latest movie, *Leaving Las Vegas*, sweeping the Oscars

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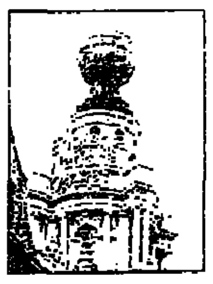

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Our own opera double-bill: ENO's new studio explored, and the Royal Opera's Tippett on stage

Death in Vegas raises hopes for the Oscars

A Geordie made good directing in LA, Mike Figgis discusses his latest film

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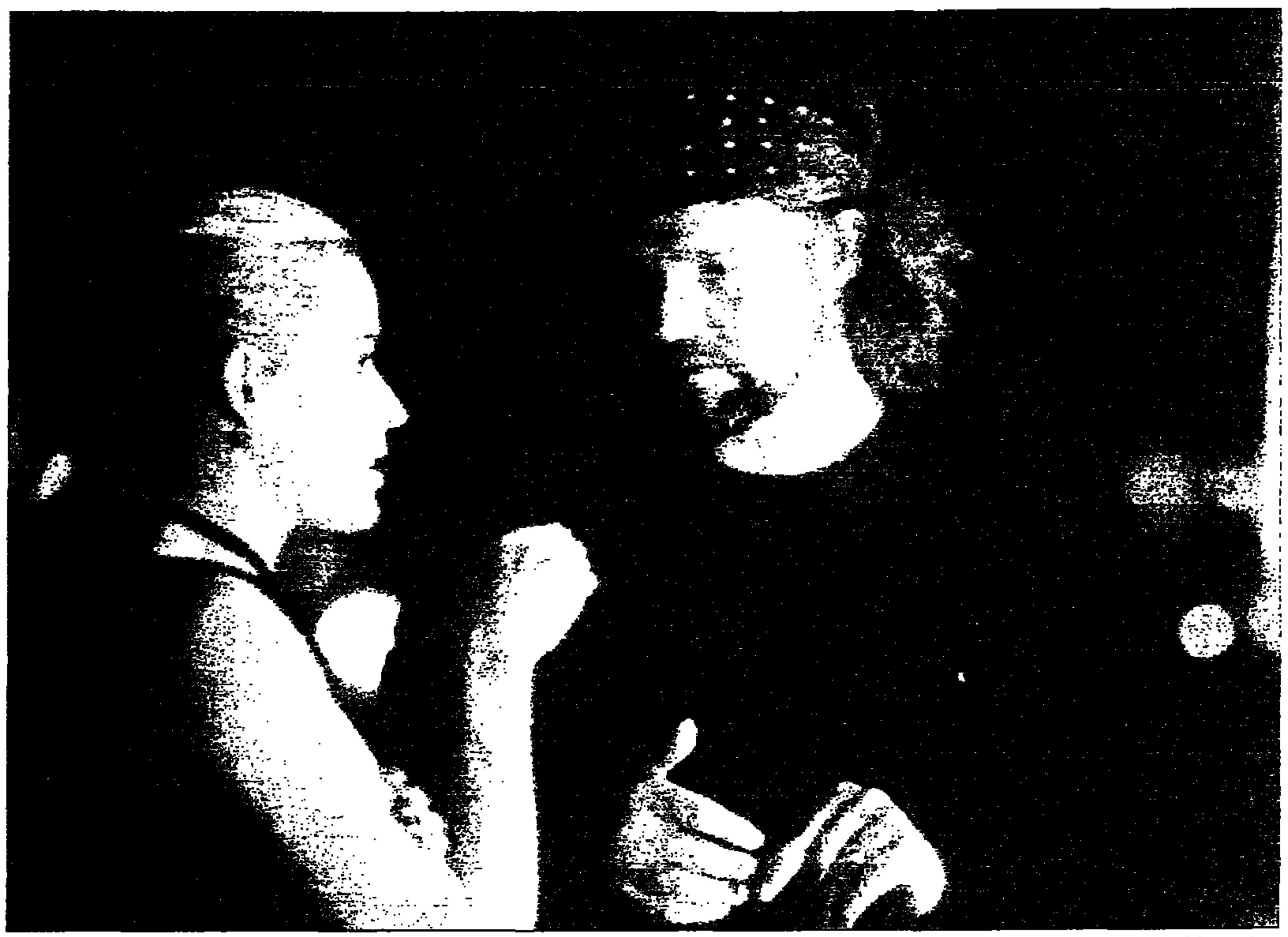


British director Mike Figgis rehearsing with Elisabeth Shue, who stars with Nicolas Cage in *Leaving Las Vegas*, which opens here this week

For a man once rejected by the National Film School, the director Mike Figgis is not doing badly. His latest film, *Leaving Las Vegas*, which opens in Britain this week, has won a clutch of prestigious awards and nominations for Figgis and for his stars, Nicolas Cage and Elisabeth Shue. It was voted best film by the New York and Los Angeles film critics, and other accolades include three awards from the American National Society of Film Critics and four Golden Globe nominations, regarded as indications of likely Academy Awards.

Although delighted by this acknowledgement of what he had expected to be no more than a modest festival and art-house success, Figgis is treating the possibility of Golden Globes and Oscars with the level-headed cool of his Newcastle upbringing. "It's an exciting event, as long as you can keep your perspective," he says. "I'll enjoy it, because if it wins that'll be terrific, if it loses it will have been interesting to take part in the race. And that's about it, really."

Leaving Las Vegas follows hard on the heels of Paul Verhoeven's tacky exploration of the fun city's sleazy side in *Showgirls*, while Martin Scorsese's *Casino*, which deals with the Seventies heyday of high stakes and organised crime, is due to open next month. But Figgis vigorously resists any suggestion that this indicates a new trend in Vegas movies. And far from being captivated by its glamour, he found it "the most deadly boring place on earth, a sort of American Benidorm. It reeks of triple Macburgers and is full of the fattest people I've ever seen, feeding slot machines."

Figgis was allowed only three nights filming in the city itself, with most of the shoot being done in Los Angeles. The worthy burghers of Las Vegas, keen on promoting their image as a family resort, didn't like his script, which in a one-line synopsis — an alcoholic goes to Las Vegas to drink himself to death and falls in love with a prostitute — sounds downbeat and sordid. And yet the effect is of a poetic and sometimes wryly amusing tragedy.

"It's a tragic love story, which has all the characteristics of the sort of late 19th-century romantic novel that you would expect to be set in Moscow or Paris, or equally the best of American writing from the Twenties, with that sort of existential Hemingway or Fitzgerald kind of quality," says Figgis. "That's what I liked about the book."

The book referred to is a novel by John O'Brien, "a serious alcoholic and a brilliant writer", according to Figgis, who went on the wagon to write what was effectively a fictionalisation of his own life, then went back to the bottle once it was finished. He and Figgis never actually met — all negotiations were done through Figgis's friend, Stuart Regen, who first found the project. O'Brien agreed the script, signed the deal and two weeks later, as the film went into pre-production, he committed suicide. "It was as though his particular path had come to an end," says Figgis.

One of the elements which is almost dangerously attractive in the main character is his total lack of self-pity. "He's very like a European character, whereas a typical American character these days would be full of remorse, self-awareness or whatever. He's not dissimilar to Albert Finney's character in *The Browning Version*. There's a sort of stoicism about him and I think stoicism is an immensely attractive characteristic. There's something very heroic and brave about it, the idea that you will deal with your own problems and not inflict them on other people."

Yet another plus for the project in Figgis's eyes was that after a difficult experience making the big-budget *Mr Jones*, which dragged on for two-and-a-half years with lengthy reshoots, he was keen to get back to what he describes as a "low-budget, European-style project with a four-week shoot, shot on Super 16 with everyone working for minimum rates, which was the only way this was going to get made."

Because of his theatrical background — ten years touring the UK as a member of the experimental company, The People Show — Figgis is sympathetic to actors and has a reputation as an "actor's director". Nicolas Cage agreed to do the film whenever Figgis could set a start date for what was at that stage a no-budget film. Figgis got together the rest of his cast, and eventually raised his $3.5 million budget not from Hollywood but from France.

Before his People Show days Figgis trained as a musician. Sharing his father's passion for traditional jazz, his ambition at 16 was to play the trumpet like Louis Armstrong. He then moved into the rock'n'roll/blues band area, which included a short stint playing with Bryan Ferry. He scored the music for *Leaving Las Vegas* himself, using a lot of 1930s and 1940s ballads, many of them voiced by fellow Geordie Sting, a friend since the singer starred in Figgis's first feature, *Stormy Monday*.

"We recorded them all in his front room in an afternoon and he just gave them to me — that's about $1.2 million worth of Sting if I were going shopping on the market!"

Although he is now riding high, Figgis has had more than his share of disappointments and setbacks. Such as that failed application to the National Film School.

"I'd thought I was the ideal student in that I'd done ten years as an actor, I'd directed, done lighting, props. I knew all of the nuts and bolts of practical theatre and wanted to go into film. I came up against this very hostile interviewing panel who I think were very nervous about the fact that I came from experimental theatre and possibly felt a little threatened by it."

Rejected by the film school, Figgis started making short 16mm films which he incorporated into his theatre shows. Another disappointment was the reaction in the UK to *Stormy Monday*, made in 1988 when Figgis was 38. Set in Newcastle, it dealt with American big business trying to buy up the waterfront and many critics accused him of cynically creating an American story to get into Hollywood.

"I was very hurt by that because I felt I'd made quite a gritty English thriller about what was actually happening at the time in northern cities like Newcastle and Liverpool."

Stormy Monday was, however, better received in America, where two years later Figgis made his second feature, *Internal Affairs*, for which he says he fought three more experienced American directors "tooth and nail". That film established his reputation but his later films, such as Kim Novak's comeback movie *Liebestraum*, *Mr Jones* and last year's remake of *The Browning Version*, have been coolly received, particularly in his own country.

"Sometimes I've felt a bit lonely because of that. It's like when you have a child and you want your parents to like it. Although I've worked a lot in America, I've lived in north London for the last 20 years. But I sometimes wonder whether people here still know that I'm English."

JAZZ

Killing them gently

Fourth World
Ronnie Scott's

ALTHOUGH singer Flora Purim warned us that, since Fourth World were just beginning their month-long residency at Ronnie Scott's, they would not reach "killing" form for another week, the band's overall approach is so effervescent that such coasting is simply not an option for them. Even the set-opener, a gentle, swaying duet between percussionist supreme Airto Moreira and guitarist Jose Neto, was surprisingly taut, and by the time the whole band was assembled with the arrival on stage of electric bassist Gary Brown and keyboard player Jovino Santos, they were immediately into their stride, dispensing their trademark mixture of jazz improvisation and Brazilian rhythm.

The band's new CD, *Encounters of the Fourth World*, recorded live last February in Amsterdam, goes some way towards capturing the pep and vigour of their sound, and it was with the album's opening track, *Burning Money*, that Fourth World went into true killing mode. Like many of their more rock-influenced pieces, it began with a lazy chatter of percussive effects and a spacy wash of electronics, but it slowly built, urged along by Purim's deft, quickfire vocals, into a pounding wall of sound, providing the perfect setting for the eloquent, multi-textured guitar of Neto.

But if such screaming rock music, liberally laced with percussion, brought the heady heyday of Santana to mind, the other side of Fourth World, a smooth fusion of lilting Latin rhythms and restrained, jazzy virtuosity, conjured up memories of Return to Forever, the band Purim and Moreira formed in the early 1970s with Chick Corea, Joe Farrell and Stanley Clarke. In this mode, Purim, whether singing lyrics or showing off her unique brand of scatting, glided elegantly over the subtle, insinuating rhythms set up by Neto and Brown, occasionally indulging in impromptu duets with Moreira's startling percussive interjections.

Everything from rattling shells to birdcall effects and whistles is grist to Moreira's percussive mill, and no Fourth World concert is complete without a solo performance from him. On this occasion, he concentrated mainly on chanting, accompanying himself with extraordinarily imaginative dexterity on tambourine. If this was a warm-up gig, clearly no one had told Airto Moreira.

CHRIS PARKER

POP

When a man loves...

Percy Sledge
Jazz Café, NW1

THE enduring emotional impact of his one Top 30 British hit — *When a Man Loves a Woman* reached No 4 on initial release in 1966, No 2 when reissued 21 years later — has ensured Percy Sledge of a place in the collective consciousness, despite a low and at times almost horizontal profile. His version of the classic soul song has surfaced repeatedly on film soundtracks (*The Big Chill* and *The Crying Game* among them), provided the title for Andy Garcia and Meg Ryan's screen romance and has rarely been off the airwaves.

Michael Bolton's overwrought cover version, a Grammy winner in 1992, helped show why: Sledge's intimate, regretful tones, balanced against the trademark sound of Alabama's Muscle Shoals studios, achieved a simplicity and warmth beyond replication.

Not a singer given to following musical trends, he has largely been ignored by record companies in the intervening years. But recently the Paris-based Sky Ranch label financed what became, effectively, a comeback LP, *Blue Night*, released here by Virgin to enthusiastic reviews and itself nominated for a Grammy at next month's Los Angeles ceremony in the Best Contemporary Blues Album category.

The resurgence of interest in Sledge led to this, the first of six consecutive Camden appearances — he plays the Jazz Café until Saturday — in which the 55-year-old singer revealed himself to be as sweet-voiced as ever.

Immaculate in tuxedo and patent shoes, his ringed fingers sweeping the air as he delivered one supplicating lyric after another, Sledge interspersed material from that new album (*You Got Away With Love* and *Love Come Knockin'*) with lesser-known items from his own back catalogue (*Warm and Tender Love*, *At the Dark End of the Street*, *Take Time To Know Her*) in a way that showed how consistent has been his taste and style throughout a 30-year career. His fondness for tributes to his late peers — David Ruffin and Eddie Kendricks, of the Temptations, and Wilson Pickett — may have steered the set a little too close to human jukebox territory at times, but cabaret versions of long-familiar songs are rarely this lovingly performed. As for *When a Man Loves a Woman*... it provoked spontaneous dancing among the audience.

ALAN JACKSON

British explorers discover lost city

OPERA

Die tote Stadt
Queen Elizabeth Hall

PREMIERED simultaneously in Hamburg and Cologne in 1920, repeated soon after in Vienna and at the New York Met, Erich Wolfgang Korngold's *Die tote Stadt* has made sporadic appearances in European and American opera houses ever since. In Britain, however, it has had to wait until now for its first performance.

Sunday's British premiere, a concert given by the ever-enterprising Kensington Symphony Orchestra as part of its fortieth anniversary season, made a strong case for the score. The compositional facility that had prompted Mahler to hail the ten-year-old Korngold as a genius is here deployed by the 23-year-old to impressive effect. Bold sonorities, intricate textures, deftly managed rhythmic shifts, all combine in a surging tide of Neo-Romantic sound. The result draws often and obviously on Strauss and Puccini, but its emphatic, blustery momentum is Korngold's own.

The libretto, however, is morbid, hysterical rot. The pseudonymous work of the composer and his father, the leading Viennese music critic of the day, it is adapted from a Symbolist novel and set in dank, decaying Bruges, the "dead city" of the title.

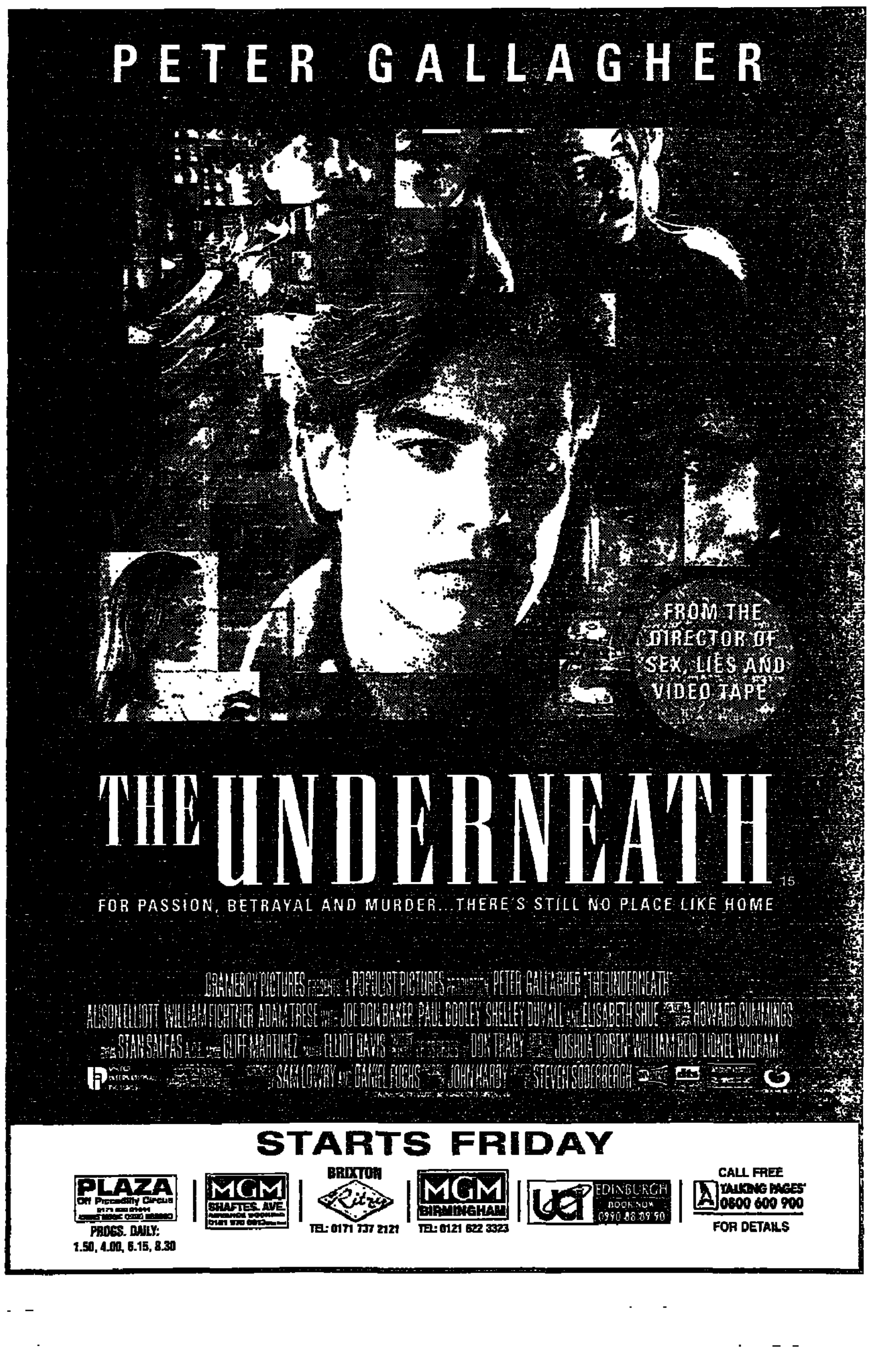
Given an atmospheric staging, this tale of a bereaved Belgian's mental turmoil might make a powerful impression. But in concert, without benefit of scenic diversion, the performers have their work cut out.

The conductor, Russell Keable, steered a reliable course through the dense and demanding score. Refinement may sometimes have been sacrificed to clarity, but this was preferable, on the whole, to wallowing in sumptuous sound. The young orchestra responded with robust, accomplished playing.

Keable, however, might have done more to help his soloists. The two principal roles are impossibly taxing at the best of times — that (and a couple of seductive arias) is why they have attracted great singers. With no pit to accommodate the vast instrumental forces, balance is a serious problem.

Nevertheless, Ian Caley's tormented hero lacked nothing in intensity, even if he was not always comfortable towards the top of his range, where Korngold expects him to do an unreasonable amount of singing. In Christine Teare he found a vocally secure and formidably dramatic focus for his torrid imagination.

IAN BRUNSKILL



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Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* comes to the West End

VENUE: Opens tonight. Theatre Royal, Haymarket

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Trevor Pinnock plays Baroque music with his English Concert

VENUE: St John's, Smith Square, tonight

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■ CHOICE 3

In Cardiff, Carlo Rizzi conducts a night of Berlioz

VENUE: Tonight at St David's Hall

■ THEATRE

Short of bodies and short of intensity: a touring *Macbeth* fails to hold the attention

LONDON

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Opening night for Wilde's drama of political sleaze and scandal. Peter Hall directs the revival of his 1992 production, with a star cast including Martin Shaw, Anna Carteret and Penny Downie
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Until Apr 20 🅂

WHAT'S ON AT THE BARBICAN: First night of previews for **Slaughter City**: Naomi Wallace's latest play violent and surreal, set in a slaughterhouse. Ron Daniels directs Wallace, the excellent American poet and playwright, had her One Flea Spare played at the Bush last autumn. Later tonight, Benjamin Zander returns to lead the **Philharmonia Orchestra** for a performance of Mahler's Symphony No 9. Their 1995 Mahler concert was acclaimed in superlatives and tonight's is accompanied by a 6.45pm talk with the conductor (free to ticketholders)
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) City Previews tonight-Jan 24, 7.15pm Opens Jan 25, 7pm In rep Philharmonia 8pm 🅂

THE ENGLISH CONCERT Period instrument specialists Trevor Pinnock and company make their first London appearance of the year with tonight's concert of Handel, Telemann and Bach.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061) Tonight, 7.30pm. Again Fri in **Birmingham** Symphony Hall 🅂 (0121-212 3333) Sat, **Cambridge**, Corn Exchange 🅂 (01223 357851)

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF Mezzo-soprano Katarina Karnéus, Cardiff Singer of the World 1995, joins Carlo Rizzi and the **Orchestra of Welsh National Opera** tonight for an all-Berlioz programme: overture, *Le Carnaval romain*, *Les Nuits d'été*, and *Symphonie fantastique*
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 878444), 7.30pm 🅂

GLASGOW. Take three men and 97 minutes and sit back to watch the sparks fly as the **Reduced Shakespeare Company** runs through *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)*. There is also the madcap *Complete History of America* on Friday and Saturday — *500 years in 6000 seconds*
Tron, Trongate (0141-552 4267) *Tonight-Sat*, 8pm, mats Wed and Thurs, 2pm 🅂

GUILDFORD. Barry England's *acclaimed and outspoken tale of* conflicts in regimental loyalty in 1880s India, **Conduct Unbecoming**, returns to the stage. John Adams directs Diana Quick and Gerald Harper, at the start of a national tour.
Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (01483-440 000), Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm mats Thurs and Sat; 2.30pm 🅂

MANCHESTER. The **BBC Philharmonic** offers a lunchtime treat, with another in its series of free Proms. Today's programme is Arutunian's Trumpet Concerto and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5
Town Hall, Albert Square (0161-834 1712) 12.45pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BETJEMANIA.** *Musical review* based on the works of John Betjeman. Revised version of the 1970s show by David Benedictus and John Gould
King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 3.30pm 🅂

■ **COMPANY** Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro and contra.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 🅂

◪ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI.** Cheek by Jowl's often bewildering production of an already confusing play but Anastasia Hille is marvellous as the beleaguered heroine.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ ***FUNNY MONEY.*** *Ray Cooney plays* the man who finds a bag of bank-notes in his latest farce. Rodney Bewes takes over from Charlie Drake as a sorely-tried taxi-driver
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat, 5pm 🅂

☐ **HYSTERIA.** Henry Goodman plays Freud, with Tim Potter as Salvador Dali, in Terry Johnson's surreal, double award-winner. The funniest serious play in London
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National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm 🅂

☐ **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS:** Jeremy Sinden plays the ebullient Toad in the now annual return of the National Theatre production. Still delightful.
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS** (15) Splendidly atmospheric thriller with Denzel Washington as the ordinary Joe in late 1940s Los Angeles stumbling over corpses, police and corruption. Directed by Carl Franklin from Walter Mosley's novel
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

THE RUN OF THE COUNTRY (15) Widowed father and son tussle over life and love. Faded Irish blarney with Albert Finney and US import Matt Keeslar. Directed by Peter Yates.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **SHOWGIRLS** (18) Las Vegas stripper finds success is not everything. Hollow tale of hollow people, brazenly presented by director Paul Verhoeven. With Elizabeth Berkley, Kyle MacLachlan
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

THE WAR (12). The children of a Vietnam vet (Kevin Costner) fight their own war with neighbouring louts. Overwrought drama from Fried Green Tomatoes director Jon Avnet.
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS** (PG) Overbearing vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, down among African tribes. Director, Steve Oedekerk.
MGMs: Fulham Road 🅂 (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0171-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FOUR ROOMS** (18) Unfunny goings on at a hotel on New Year's eve. Disastrous compendium made by four chic directors: Quentin Tarantino, Robert Rodriguez, Alexandre Rockwell and Allison Anders
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

THE HORSEMAN ON THE ROOF (15) Love and heroism amidst a cholera epidemic in 1830s Provence. Pretty pictures but little oomph. Jean-Paul Rappeneau directs Olivier Martinez and Juliette Binoche
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IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (15). Actors struggle to mount *Hamlet*. Overmanic comedy from Kenneth Branagh, with Michael Maloney, Joan Collins
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Mezzanine** 🅂 (01426 915683)

◆ **SEVEN** (18) Unsettling and off-beat serial killer thriller, with Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt. Director, David Fincher
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◆ **SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT** (15): Julia Roberts as a southern wife facing her husband's infidelity. Talky tale with small pleasures. Lasse Hallström directs Dennis Quaid, Kyra Sedgwick
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◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15) Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Odeon Mezzanine** 🅂 (01426 915683) **Warner** 🅂 (0171-437 4343)

THEATRE: A Macbeth neither here nor there; and an exhilarating mime adventure

Everything but the atmosphere

Macbeth
Lyric, W6

DONALD COOPER

If the costume fits: Paul Higgins as a reluctant Macbeth with Hilary Lyon, a schoolmarmish Lady Macbeth

James Agate claimed to have used half a column trying and failing to explain why *Edna Best was a* bad Cinderella, only to hear that a fellow actress had summed up the problem very briefly: "She didn't want to go to the ball." Perhaps something of the sort is the trouble with Paul Higgins, in many other ways an excellent Macbeth. He never seems to want Scotland very much.

The *Macbeth* that Stephen Unwin has directed for English Touring Theatre is a lot clearer and more solid than several productions that have recently appeared with the same title. Anyone who has seen Mark Rylance mooching about a Hare Krishna Scotland in saffron robes will welcome the Tudor costumes and general sense and sanity. The two interlinked problems are a lack of bodies and a lack of intensity.

The first of these results in a skimpy battle, a banquet that is perilously close to resembling the sort of intimate, uncomfy dinner party we get in Ayckbourn's plays, a sleepwalking scene that becomes a quick-fire monologue sans watching doctor and gentlewoman, and, most troubling of all, no visible witches, no cauldron, and nary a glimpse of eye of newt and toe of frog.

Even that need not matter. A sense of horror could be created simply by spectral sounds filling the theatre and a look of terror on the faces of Banquo and Macbeth, who here are the only characters to see any witches. As it is, the off-stage voices, the wistful music and the scudding-cloud backcloth do not generate a scary atmosphere. And the actors tend only to stare at row L in a puzzled way, as if they have spotted a member of the audience wearing a conical hat and waving a broomstick.

Higgins brings too little ambition, urgency and need to his early speeches, making it hard to understand why he should want to murder Duncan, especially as David Allister plays the old boy as a spluttering TB victim, likely to save him the trouble of murder by expiring in bed. Where he scores, and scores strongly, is in communicating conscience and unease.

This is Macbeth the honourable soldier twisted out of true. Higgins's performance explains why everybody trusts him, and why his wife accuses him of lactating with human kindness. He makes a most unwilling regicide, one who has to kill half of what's best in himself in order to commit murder, and then finds himself doomed to kill the other half in order to stay alive. It is a perfectly valid reading, sanctioned by no less an actor than David Garrick and played with a fine mix of pain and grief by Higgins.

But Garrick had Mrs Pritchard's awesomely domineering Lady Macbeth to push him into murder, and Higgins has Hilary Lyon, a starchy-looking beanpole who is no worse than schoolmarmish. There is no sexual frisson between them and not much power-politicking either. When she reproves Macbeth after the murder — "a foolish thought, to say a sorry sight" — it is as if she is giving him a D-grade in English. She also delays showing symptoms of collapse far too long to make the sleepwalking scene, especially a shortened one, seem plausible.

While I'm in the cavilling mood, why does Old Siward rejoice in his son's frontal wounds when we've seen his back sliced open? Why a Glasgow Macbeth, an Esher Macduff, a Dublin Porter and a Leeds murderer? I cannot answer that; just sum up by saying that, although *Macbeths* occasionally come better, they are usually a lot worse.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

From Hackney to the Wild West

Peasouper
BAC, SW11

TWO planks and a passion, they say, is all the actor needs to put on a show, and while these furnishings would be overly minimalist there is not a great deal more on stage during this spirited 70 minutes from the Rejects Revenge Theatre Company. They are a touring team, sponsored by Michelob, and *their contribution* to the Mime Festival is a deliriously inventive tale of mid-Victorian derring-do that takes us from the Hackney Marshes to an Egyptian tomb, tracks down a wicked uncle to his hideaway in the Wild West, and reaches its climax on top of a train near Thames Ditton where the three combatants battle it out along the roofs of the Euston-Dover Express.

There are only three performers: Ann Farrar, who plays most of the women and a few men, and David Alison and Tim Hibberd, who play the remainder of the men and all the other women. Between them they also play bats, birds, venomous snakes, crabs, horses, swing doors, shadows, hieroglyphs and camels. They are excellent as the camels.

They excel as bats too, leaning forward, shoulders hunched, steadily beating their wings while Hibberd's wicked uncle silently breaks into the house on the marshes and does something peculiar to a sleeping girl. Farrar stops being a bat in order to subside onto Alison's back (he having become a nursery bed) in time for Uncle to do whatever he's doing to her — ah, he must be hiding something inside her doll — and steal away through the bats.

Farrar's chief role is the spunky Florence, resourceful, never at a loss for a cheerful smile, never averse to picking up some creepy-crawly object, comment upon its iridescent underparts and crush it beneath her foot. Her true but tormented love is Gordon Whelks, amateur Egyptologist but sadly from a lower social class. The lofty Hibberd has the bony, urgent look of a self-educated grocer, someone likely *to battle against* the odds in an H.G. Wells novel.

Craftily thwarting their hopes of union is Florence's brother Clive, dashing, handsome, but should you trust a chap who can transform his face into the lineaments of a contemptuous camel?

With just a pair of folding screens to left and right of two capacious boxes, and using only *a few* wigs, vast poke-bonnet and a pearl as big as (and played by) a ping-pong ball, the three performers — directed by Bim Mason — give as splendid a display of physical theatre as you could hope to see. Speeding between roles, spoofing the conventions of high adventure, teasing expectations and turning hands, limbs and the whole agile body into the moving shapes of other things, small wonder they won a Fringe First at last year's Edinburgh. At the end I shouted "Hoorah!" Twice. I cannot remember when last I felt like doing that.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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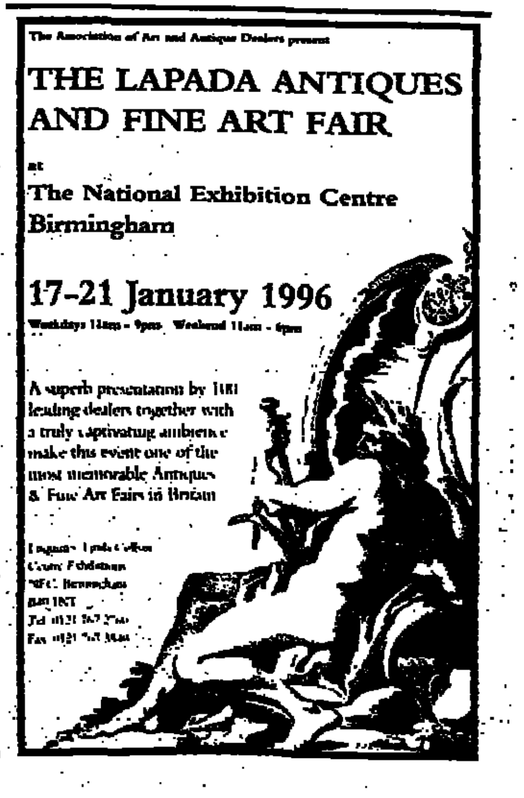

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Cheltenham's acting clerk admits misjudging the conditions

Gillespie fined £600 over abandonment

By Julian Muscat

EDWARD GILLESPIE was yesterday fined £600 for his role in the late abandonment of last month's fixture at Cheltenham, when no advance warnings over the frozen state of the course prompted an estimated 8,000 racegoers to journey to Prestbury Park.

Gillespie, the acting clerk of the course, assured all media outlets and individual inquiries throughout the morning that the track was raceable despite overnight temperatures of eight degrees. But *trainers declared the surface* treacherous on their arrival and the meeting was finally abandoned at 12.55, five minutes after the first race was scheduled.

Gillespie accepted responsibility for his actions after the 90-minute hearing at Portman Square yesterday. "We had had no frost until the night before the meeting, we were racing on fresh ground and we had taken precautions by covering the take-off and landing sides of the fences. But I misjudged the circumstances. *I would not want to go* through that again."

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee adjudged Gillespie in breach of Rule 220 (iii), governing the proper conduct and good reputation of racing, "in that he failed to accurately reflect the prospects of racing going ahead, given that the course was unraceable when he inspected it at 6.00am". He was exonerated of having breached the sport's integrity.

Gillespie's failure to involve the chairman of the stewards' panel, David Stoddart, in his assessment of conditions was also censured by the committee. "In similar circumstances I would call in the steward and work with him," Gillespie said. "I would make sure the clerk of the course does not become isolated."

But he resisted calls for racecourse clerks to be governed by more stringent guidelines. "I believe you cannot legislate for occasions when things don't go well. If people work from paper guidelines they can't use their individual abilities to maximum effect."

Gillespie, who replaced Philip Arkwright as clerk for *the day*, was acting in that capacity for the first time at Cheltenham. That may explain why he was deceived by the conditions.

The £600 fine mirrors that handed out to David Parmley, the then clerk of the course at Newcastle, for similarly failing to keep the public informed of the threat to racing *in November 1993*.

While their actions are understandable, it is no excuse to withhold such information from the paying public. Racegoers should be presented with all the available information, however unfavourable, in advance of making often lengthy journeys. Far better to have a reduced attendance than one lured under false pretences.

During spells of bad weather, advance bulletins from clerks have come to be regarded with as much suspicion as their going forecasts. In Gillespie's case, the debacle marked an ignominious end to a year of misjudgments from *the doyen of Racecourse* Holdings Trust (RHT), the owners of Cheltenham.

Gillespie is rightly regarded as a fine racecourse manager but he will not reflect fondly on 1995. He was given special responsibility to revive the Derby's flagging fortunes, which further regressed in the public's conscience after its switch to a Saturday cluttered with rival sporting attractions.

At the time Gillespie insisted the Derby could successfully compete with other sports. But RHT has since tacitly conceded the point by starting the 1996 renewal early to avoid a direct clash with England's opening match in football's European Championships.

Sad to say, it has also become almost impossible for journalists to gain access for the winner's enclosure on showcase days at the Cheltenham Festival in March. *Arrangements are such that* winning connections have long since dispersed before journalists are allowed entry.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OUR TOM
(3.30 Wolverhampton)
Next best: Spring Saint
(4.10 Windsor)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Gillespie's failure to involve stewards in his assessment was censured yesterday

Treacy booked for Danoli at Leopardstown

By Our Irish Correspondent

TOM TREACY will ride Danoli in the AIG Europe *Champion Hurdle* at Leopardstown on Sunday — and the partnership is set to continue for the remainder of the season.

Tom Foley, Danoli's trainer, said: "I spoke to Adrian Maguire's agent, Dave Roberts, and it looked as though he was unable to give me the sort of commitment I was looking for. Tommy knows him, having won on him before, and he will be all right."

Treacy is stable jockey to Paddy Mullins and son of Foley's head lad, Jim Treacy, the rider of Tom Foley's first winner. The jockey knows the horse well having ridden him to win in a bumper, partnered him *during schooling and* also some of his most recent work.

Foley has warned that the gelding's supporters should not expect too much from his run in the Irish Champion Hurdle this weekend as he is at least three weeks off full fitness. But it will be the first racecourse sighting of the Martell Hurdle winner since he fractured his off-fore fetlock in the Aintree race last season.

Meanwhile, Seb Sanders, the champion apprentice, *was handed a seven-day* riding ban yesterday for failing to attend a Jockey Club inquiry.

Sanders was due to give evidence at a disciplinary committee inquiry in London last month involving Michael Tebbutt. But he missed the hearing and rode instead at Lingfield.

Sanders appeared at yesterday's *inquiry* to learn that he will miss a host of rides on the all-weather surface from January 19 to 26. His suspension matches the one Tebbutt received for careless riding.

Disappointed at the outcome, Sanders said: "I didn't find out about the hearing until the morning it was due to take place. I don't know whether I will appeal, but I don't want to say anything until I've taken advice."

Lorcan Wyer was in trouble with the Carlisle stewards *yesterday after* winning on Golden Hello in the Brampton Handicap Hurdle. He was banned for four days (January 25 to 29) for using his whip with *unreasonable frequency* and twice hitting his mount down the shoulder.

Peter Niven also collected a three-day ban (January 25 to 27) for misuse of the whip on Fearless Wonder, a one-length winner of the Milton Handicap Hurdle.

☐ Viking Flagship, the reigning two-mile champion *chaser, was in demand with* Ladbrokes yesterday for this year's renewal, and his odds have been cut from 8-1 to 6-1.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
1.10 Carole's Crusader
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2.10 No Fiddling
2.40 Master Ryon
3.10 Daily Sport Girl
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4.10 Star Market

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.10 ROYAL WINDSOR MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £2,740: 2m 6f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 F55-440 ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE 11 (B) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 6-11-10 G Bradley ●
2 00/PU-P CHANCE DE LA VIE 64 (Miss C Horler) Miss C Horler 7-11-10 G Upton –
3 4/5 FINE STALKER 33 (D Caro) D Caro 6-11-10 D Bridgwater 85
4 0 GRANBY BELL 40 (H Walton) P Hayward 5-11-10 D Gallagher 92
5 P5/P- HEATON 339P (G Rowsell) H Rowsell 9-11-10 A Tory –
6 65- INJUNCTION 403 (B) (Miss R Still) C Mann 5-11-10 J Railton 86
7 ISHMA (D Page) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-10 D Leahy –
8 00/050 KING'S COURTIER 46 (Mrs H Thomas) S Mellor 7-11-10 M Perrett 91
9 0-05 LORD LOFTY 41 (Salamanl Racing) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-10 W Marston 88
10 0P MASTER PANGLOSS 8 (Equity Steeplechasing) A Turnell 6-11-10 S McNeill –
11 24U6 MYSTIC ISLE 14 (BF) (Mrs P Furse) N Gaselee 6-11-10 C Llewellyn 76
12 441 PILKINGTON 35 (G) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 6-11-10 S Curran (3) –
13 P THE MILLMASTER 13 (Middleham Park Racing IV) J Upson 5-11-10 Mr T Byrne –
14 00- WOT NO GIN 296 (M Peaney) A J Wilson 7-11-10 V Slattery –
15 5 YOUNG LUCKY 8 (The Young Lucky Partnership) J Akehurst 5-11-10 J Leech –
16 43 CAROLE'S CRUSADER 46 (Mrs C Skipworth) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-11-5 R Greene –

BETTING: 3-1 Pilkington, 4-1 Lord Lofty, 5-1 Carole's Crusader, 8-1 Absolutely Average, 10-1 Granby Bell, Young Lucky, 12-1 others.

1995: OTTOWA 5-11-10 C Maude (11-2) P Nicholls 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE best effort 4l 2nd to Air Shot in novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) last season. FINE STALKER 19¾l 5th to *Ebullient Equiname in maiden hurdle at Hereford* (2m 1f, good). INJUNCTION tailed off 5th to Anzum in grade II hdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) last season. MYSTIC ISLE 40l 6th to Kingdom Of Shades in maiden hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). PILKINGTON beat The Stitcher 2½l in National Hunt Flat race at Bangor (2m 1f, good). CAROLE'S CRUSADER 3¾l 3rd to *Frys No Fool* in National Hunt Flat race at Towcester (2m, good to soft) with MYSTIC ISLE 2½l 4th.
Selection: ABSOLUTELY AVERAGE

1.40 RAYS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,430: 2m) (17 runners)

1 221 *DARTER 14 (D,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 11-5* S Ryan (7) 96
2 10 GREENSPAN 11 (S) (Camelot Racing) W Muir 11-5 M Richards 88
3 125 INDIAN JOCKEY 32 (F) (D Mercer) M Pipe 11-5 D Bridgwater 88
4 0 BOLD CHARLIE 11 (Mrs J Hammsworth) S Mellor 10-12 N Mann –
5 5 BOLIVAR 11 (The Silver Darling Partnership) R Akehurst 10-12 C Llewellyn ●
6 30UPF CASHFLOW CRISIS 16 (C Tilby) J Mullins 10-12 S Curran (3) –
7 53 COURT JOKER 12 (The Court Jokers) Miss H Knight 10-12 J F Titley 87
8 40 FORESTAL 40 (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-12 Mr J Jukes 95
9 054 LE SORCIER 14 (The Witch Racing Club) G Enright 10-12 J R Kavanagh 70
10 0 POLY AMANSHAA 11 (M Banks) M Banks 10-12 D Skyrme 82
11 P SAILEP 16 (P Slade) R Hodges 10-12 W McFarland –
12 4 UNITED FRONT 87 (T Beresford) R O'Sullivan 10-12 D O'Sullivan 75
13 06 VERDE LUNA 11 (J Leely) D Arbuthnot 10-12 S McNeill 77
14 EQUITY'S DARLING 151F (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 10-7 W Marston –
15 GENTLE BREEZE (D Trangmar) J Gifford 10-7 P Hide –
16 0P ROSEVEAR 16 (Interiors of Ascot Partnership) S Mellor 10-7 M Perrett 70
17 PP SHAMUKE 14 (R Howitt) Mrs L Richards 10-7 B Powell –

BETTING: 7-4 Darter, 7-1 Indian Jockey, 8-1 Greenspan, Court Joker, 10-1 Bolivar, United Front, 12-1 others.

1995: BALANAK 11-5 M Dwyer (8-13 fav) D Gandolfo 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARTER beat Solatium 6l in maiden hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). GREENSPAN beat Bella Sedona 3l in juvenile hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft) penultimate start. INDIAN JOCKEY 13¾l 5th of 20 to Sovereigns Parade in juvenile hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). BOLIVAR 29¼l 5th of 17 to Tibetan in juvenile hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft). COURT JOKER 11l 3rd of 9 to *Danbys Gorse in juvenile hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft)*. UNITED FRONT 11½l 4th of 13 to Court Nap in juvenile hurdle over course and distance (good).
Selection: BOLIVAR

2.10 ROYAL WINDSOR MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £2,740: 2m 6f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 0P-0 AKIYMANN 14 (D Johnson) M Pipe 6-11-10 D Bridgwater –
2 06 BALLYEDWARD 49 (N Elliott) R Buckler 6-11-10 B Powell –
3 0UR-0 BLACK STATEMENT 56 (B Naylor) A James 6-11-10 J Titley –
4 P0000-4 EYRE POINT 16 (Malicom Plc) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-10 W Marston –
5 0013-6 FRENCH BUCK 54 (G) (Mrs C Scott) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-10 C Llewellyn –
6 P LITTLE CHINK 84 (Mrs E Boucher) D Grissell 6-11-10 J R Kavanagh –
7 0P0 NATIVE RAMBLER 34 (R Cox) Mrs M McCourt 6-11-10 G McCourt –
8 *0350-0 NO FIDDLING 34 (M Batchelor) M Wilkinson 5-11-10* P Crowley (7) ●
9 06-0 RAMBLING OATS 46 (R Owen) O Sherwood 7-11-10 J A McCarthy –
10 4421/45- TIFASI 5F (G) (A Smith) John Berry 6-11-10 I Lawrence –
11 21/64P WIZZO 6 (F) (H Weeks) B Palling 6-11-10 C Maude 75
12 00/0P-U0 ANNS REQUEST 14 (Mrs A Nash) J Long 7-11-5 P McLoughlin –
13 000 ASHCAL LADY 13 (S Waller) T Wall 5-11-5 D Gallagher –
14 0P52P-U CELTIC LILLEY 58 (Mrs J Taylor) R Hoad 6-11-5 G Bradley 84
15 30- FARLEYER ROSE 300 (T Fane) H Rowsell 7-11-5 A Tory –
16 3- MIRADOR 286F (Mrs J Whitehead, J McElvers) R Curtis 5-11-5 D Morris 72

BETTING: 5-2 Eyre Point, 6-1 No Fiddling, 8-1 Wizzo, Mirador, French Buck, 10-1 Rambling Oats, 12-1 Tifasi, 14-1 other.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

EYRE POINT 8l 4th of 18 to Purbeck Cavalier in novices' handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, soft). FRENCH BUCK tailed off 6th of 16 to Castle Sweep in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good). Best effort 8¾l 3rd to Single Sourcing in National Hunt Flat race at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm) final start last season. TIFASI best effort beat Tora Champagne neck in National Hunt Flat race at Roscommon (2m, yielding) July 1994. WIZZO 33¼l 4th to *Crack On in maiden hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f*, good) penultimate start. FARLEYER ROSE 14l 3rd to Danies Cavalier in National Hunt Flat race at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, heavy) penultimate start. MIRADOR 7l 3rd of 10 to Tina Sparkle in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft) last season.
Selection: FRENCH BUCK (nap)

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2.40 *WINDLESHAM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE* (£4,500: 3m) (18 runners)

1 23P64-3 BALLY CLOVER 46 (G,S) (J Williams) Miss V Williams 9-12-0 R Davis 80
2 4611-46 HOLY STING 46 (S) (G MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-3 C Llewellyn 85
3 2P-1216 SAN GIORGIO 46 (BF,F,S) (P Kelsall) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-3 T Jenks –
4 /50/06-0 SUPER SENSE 36 (B,S) (T McGovern) T McGovern 11-11-0 J R Kavanagh –
5 P341P-P BOURNEL 37 (V,S) (N Bowden) C Barwell 8-11-0 B Powell –
6 PP000-6 BRINDLEY HOUSE 48 (S) (S Glazer) J White 9-10-13 D Morris –
7 534-PU2 FOX CHAPEL 32 (G,S) (B Hine) R Juckes 9-10-11 G Tormey (3) 93
8 4/0P2-P THIBAAIN 34 (K Sturgis) J White 8-10-11 D Bentley –
9 4403-40 QUARRY HOUSE 43 (Mrs E Chappell) D Chappell 8-10-10 D Gallagher –
10 4/0008-F REGAL AURA 75 (G) (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 6-10-10 W Marston –
11 *044-253 BALLYMGYR 13 (B) (Mrs R Kavanagh) S Mellor 7-10-8* N Mann ●
12 20/2-F3 GARRISON COMMANDER 8 (R Ogden) A Turnell 7-10-8 P Carberry 98
13 54-PPUR ALFION 2 (B) (A Chadwick) C Weedon 7-10-7 M Richards –
14 S0/06-PP CAPTAIN DOLFORD 14 (S) (R Brimsworth) D Gandolfo 9-10-7 D Leahy 85
15 1FF0 MASTER RYON 35 (F,G) (H Richards) R Alner 8-10-8 C Maude 98
16 5F-5P25 PRIZE MATCH 32 (S) (Dr J Heathcock) J Tuck 7-10-5 *S McNeill* 98
17 5/645-3U LAY IT OFF 12 (F) (J O'Neill) J J O'Neill 7-10-5 S Curran (3) 92
18 255P-4F CHIEF CELT 48 (B,G,S) (Mrs J Peppiatt) J King 10-10-4 J F Titley 93

BETTING: 3-1 Garrison Commander, 5-1 Ballymgyr, 7-1 San Giorgio, 10-1 Prize Match, Fox Chapel, 14-1 Holy Sting, Chief Celt, 16-1 others.

1995: MR INVADER 8-11-0 M A Fitzgerald (8-1) N Gaselee 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAN GIORGIO beat Sanilee 2½l in novices' handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good to soft) penultimate start. FOX CHAPEL 8l 2nd of 9 to East Houston in novices' handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good to firm) with PRIZE MATCH (5lb better off) 16l 6th. BALLYMGYR 9l 3rd of 12 to *King Lucifer in novice chase at Nottingham (3m* 110yd, good). GARRISON COMMANDER short-head and 2l 3rd of 13 to Master Orchestra in novices' handicap chase at Leicester (3m, good to soft). PRIZE MATCH 6l 2nd of 4 to Arctic Wings in novice chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good) penultimate start. LAY IT OFF 33l 3rd of 10 to *Major Summit in novice chase at Towcester (2m 6f soft) with FOX CHAPEL unseated rider 1st.*
Selection: GARRISON COMMANDER

3.10 JANUARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,513: 2m) (12 runners)

1 403-315 VICEROY RULER 34 (D,BF,G) (J McBarron) J Jenkins 5-11-11 S Fox (5) 93
2 U232-36 MAJBOOR YAFOOZ 37 (Miss J Bodycote) J Bosley 6-11-10 M Bosley 93
3 *884/R06 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 42F (D,F) (R Cross) S Dow 7-11-7* A Dicken 82
4 21453-6 MAJOR'S LAW 27 (D,G,S) (B Racing) J White 7-11-6 P McLoughlin 90
5 5156-56 KELLY MAC 74 (D,S) (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 6-10-12 C Llewellyn 98
6 111-462 DAILY SPORT GIRL 8 (D,G,S) (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 7-10-11 Mr J L Llewellyn ●
7 30015-1 ALDWICK COLONNADE 128 (D,F,G) (Midweek Racing) M Usher 9-10-6 W McFarland 90
8 33F230 BISHOPS CASTLE 47 (G) (AEC Electric Fencing Ltd (Hotline)) R Frost 8-10-5 J Frost 87
9 08565/6- TILT TECH FLYER 417 (CD,S) (I Jones) I Jones 11-10-1 Miss E J Jones (7) –
10 05-0543 PERSISTENT GUNNER 8 (D,G) (P Slade) R Hodges 6-10-0 T Dascombe (5) 88
11 00/000-0 SPRINTFAYRE 36 (G) (Mrs G Dawson) Mrs M Long 8-10-0 D Gallagher –
12 P0-P CLARION CALL 53F (Oh No Lawyers Pinrs) G Thorner 5-10-0 Clare Thorner (7) –

Long handicap: Persistent Gunner 9-12, Sprintfayre 8-11, Clarion Call 8-9

BETTING: 7-2 Aldwick Colonnade, 9-2 Major's Law, 5-1 Native Chieftan, 6-1 Viceroy Ruler, 7-1 Daily Sport Girl, 8-1 Kelly Mac, 10-1 Bishops Castle, 12-1 others.

1995: LUMUMBA DAYS 9-11-5 J Railton (5-2) M Meade 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

VICEROY RULER beat Pyramis Prince 7l in handicap hurdle at Fakenham (2m 4f, good) penultimate start. MAJBOOR YAFOOZ 3l 2nd to Mr Devious in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm). DAILY SPORT GIRL 13l 2nd of 15 to Cawarra Boy in handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy) with PERSISTENT GUNNER (2lb worse off) 20l 3rd. ALDWICK COLONNADE beat Bondaid 10l in selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good). BISHOPS CASTLE 14l 3rd to Cassio's Boy in selling hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, soft). PERSISTENT GUNNER 14½l 4th to Desert Fighter in handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good).
Selection: MAJBOOR YAFOOZ

3.40 ROYAL WINDSOR NOVICES CHASE (£4,003: 2m 5f) (18 runners)

1 16-8212 NO PAIN NO GAIN 14 (D,G,S) (The Marvellous Partnership) J Gifford 8-11-10 P Hide ●
2 0/0U/6P BLACK ARROW 56 (S) (D O'Brien) D O'Brien 9-11-4 D Fortt (5) –
3 0 BLUE CLANCY 33 (Mrs C Laze) R Frost 7-11-4 J Frost –
4 CAMINO (I Castle) Miss H Knight 9-11-4 Mr J Culloty (7) –
5 24-030 DECISIVE SPICE 55 (H Wellstead) R Alner 7-11-4 J Titley –
6 FP-6 FUNCHEON GALE 11 (Kings Of The Road Partnership) R Curtis 9-11-4 D Morris –
7 30/00-0P GIVENTIME 11 (S) (L Kimber) A Turnell 8-11-4 S McNeill –
8 1/0P03P HAPPY HORSE 11 (F,G,S) (Major I Manning) R Hodges 9-11-4 T Jenks –
9 /5/5-233 HAWKFIELD 11 (G) (The Hedonists) C Broad 7-11-4 G Hogan (3) 80
10 F5 ITALIAN MAN 11 (Miss B Murphy) G Charles-Jones 8-11-4 W McFarland 56
11 421P/P LIFT AND LOAD 39 (F,G,S) (R Champion & P Jubert) R Alner 9-11-4 C Maude –
12 P11P/ MID-DAY MILLER 634P (S) (C Cox) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-4 W Marston –
13 4P-04F4 MONKS JAY 28 (J Cover) G Thorner 7-11-4 B Powell 77
14 RIVER GALA (R Hodges) R Hodges 6-11-4 T Dascombe (5) –
15 AWAYWITHTHEFAIRIES (Count K Goess-Saurau) R Phillips 6-10-13 J Railton –
16 3-06424 DOM SAMOURAI 14 (B,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 5-10-13 D Bridgwater –
17 0P0/0-PP MAGGIE TEE 37 (R Scorgie) N Mitchell 8-10-13 R Davis –
18 0P/PP/ MIDNIGHT MYSTIC 1125 (Mrs T Pritchard) P Pritchard 9-10-13 P Pritchard –

BETTING: 9-4 No Pain No Gain, 3-1 Lift And Load, 8-1 Dom Samourai, 10-1 Mid-Day Miller, Hawkfield, 12-1 Camino, Monks Jay, 14-1 others.

1995: BO KNOWS BEST 6-11-4 M Richards (9-2) G Moore 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

NO PAIN NO GAIN neck 2nd of 10 to Air Shot in novice chase at Lingfield (2m, soft) with DOM SAMOURAI (1lb *better off*) tailed off 4th. HAPPY HORSE best recent effort 7½l 3rd of 8 to Phazaneas *in handicap hurdle at Bangor (3m, good)* penultimate start. HAWKFIELD 26¼l 3rd of 4 to Ask Tom in novice chase at Haydock (2m, soft). LIFT AND LOAD best effort beat Flakey Dove 6l in grade II Berkshire Hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, firm). MONKS JAY 8¾l 4th of 8 to Mine's An Ace in handicap chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good).
Selection: NO PAIN NO GAIN

4.10 DATCHET HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,548: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1 14231/4- ERCKULE 480 (D,S) (The Saxon Partnership) N Gaselee 6-12-0 C Llewellyn 88
2 R131-45 STAR MARKET 55 (F,G,S) (Mrs P Joynes) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-13 S Joynes (7) 90
3 *621-615 SPRING SAINT 11 (S) (Miss C Horler) Miss C Horler 7-11-10* G Upton 97
4 300-022 PYRAMIS PRINCE 13 (S) (J Wayte) J Wayte 6-11-9 D Bridgwater 96
5 022-025 SOPHIE MAY 15F (S) (J Daniels) G L Moore 5-11-8 E Murphy 88
6 1220-05 AUGUST TWELFTH 75 (D,S) (D O'Brien) D O'Brien 8-11-4 D Fortt (5) 92
7 0/2250-4 SHARED GOLD 42 (S) (P Deal) J Bosley 6-11-4 M Bosley 82
8 014215- RUSSIAN EMPIRE 233 (D,F,G) (J Cooper) N Walker 6-11-3 C Maude 85
9 1212/00 DANGER BABY 64 (F,G) (Mouse Racing) B Llewellyn 6-11-2 Mr J L Llewellyn –
10 2286/13- MARINE SOCIETY 442 (S) (Bideford Tool Ltd) A Newcombe 8-11-0 D Gallagher 89
11 *13-4234 MEANUS MILLER 14 (D,BF,S) (Miss G Dawson) R Rowe 8-11-0* D O'Sullivan 92
12 2143-43 MINSTER'S MADAM 78 (V,S) (J Neville) J Neville 5-10-8 W Marston 86
13 56600-6 CAMBO 13 (G,S) (M Banks) M Banks 10-10-6 D Skyrme 84
14 03P-300 TITAN EMPRESS 46 (D,S) (T J Syder) S Mellor 7-10-3 N Mann 94
15 06440-5 RAMALLAH 48 (D,G,S) (Maidens Green Acres) J White 7-10-1 D Bentley 98
16 30P-166 KNYAZ 14 (F,S) (T Clay) Mrs L Richards 6-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5) 94
17 P40/004 LEESWOOD 48 (V,F,S) (G Bailey, M Hall and D Murray) R Lee 8-10-0 P McLoughlin 85
18 065 NESSUN DORO 11 (P Porter & Partners) S Mellor 4-10-0 M Perrett ●

Long handicap: Nessun Doro 9-13

BETTING: 9-2 Meanus Miller, 6-1 Pyramis Prince, 7-1 Spring Saint, 8-1 Sophie May, Minster's Madam, 10-1 Nessun Doro, Star Market, 12-1 August Twelfth, 14-1 others.

1995: LUCKY BLUE 8-10-10 S Earle (5-1) N Thomson 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPRING SAINT beat Perhaps 1½l in handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m, good to soft) penultimate start. PYRAMIS PRINCE 6l 2nd to Dominie in handicap hurdle at Nottingham (3m 110yd, good to soft). SHARED GOLD 8¾l 4th to Fair And Fancy in handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, good to soft). MEANUS MILLER best recent effort 3½l 2nd to Celibate in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, good to firm) with SOPHIE MAY (2lb better off) 28l 7th. MINSTER'S MADAM 10l 3rd to Chuckaboddy in handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f, good to firm). KNYAZ best effort beat Bishops Castle 6l in selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: PYRAMIS PRINCE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Carlisle

Going: good to soft, good in places

1.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, JOCKS CROSS (A Dobbin, 5-2 fav); 2, Rocketts Castle (J Burke, 25-1); 3, Northern Charmer (P Niven 100-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Shining Edge (5th), 11-2 Lothian Commodore, 7 Tira Heights, 15-2 Kilbally Boy, 20 Be Brave (6th), 25 General Jimbo, Hey Up Dolly, The Next Waltz, 33 Crystal Gift (4th), Kirtle Superstar, 100 Davwilmo. 14 ran. 6l, 1l, ¾l, 5l, 7l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote £2.60; £1.10, £4.90, £5.80. DF £39.30. Trio £207.00 (part won; pool of £233.30 carried forward to 3.50 at Nottingham today). CSF £56.41.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, THE GREY MONK (A Dobbin, 1-3 fav); 2, Miner Jackson (F Perratt, 33-1); 3, Gold Pigeon (R Supple, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Young Dubliner (pu), 10 Vulpin De Laugere, 11 Dorlin Castle, 16 Cush Supreme (f), Tudor Fellow, 50 Benghazi (5th), 66 Busking Along (pu), Charlie Richards (6th), Go Silly (4th), 100 Lauder Square (pu), 250 Sagaro Belle. 14 ran. 30l, 3½l, 1¼l, 6l, 5l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £8.40, £39.80. DF: £22.50. Trio: £293.50 (part won; pool of £372.12 carried forward to 3.50 at Nottingham today).

2.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, SANTA CONCERTO (T Reed, 10-11 fav); 2, Carley Lad (A Dobbin, 33-1); 3, Dominos Ring (M Brennan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Zuboon, 16 Artworld, Jabaroot, 33 Domino Night (6th), Marble Man (4th), Noosa Sound, 50 Gunnerdale, 100 Clarabell (5th), Great Gable, 200 Meadowleck, Tess O Tully. 14 ran. 8l, 3l, 13l, 4l, sh hd. L Lungo at Carrutherstown. Tote £2.10; £1.20, £5.30, £1.50. DF: £39.50. Trio: £62.70. CSF £29.44.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, GENERAL WOLFE (R Dunwoody, 5-6 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Northants (P Carberry, 5-1); 3, Lie Detector (D Parker, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Front Line (4th), 16 Richardson (pu), Wind Force (6th), 20 Barney Rubble, Strong Sound (5th), 66 Adrien. 9 ran. 7l, 15l, 3½l, 15l, 7l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote £1.80; £1.10, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £7.20. Trio £7.50. CSF £5.68. Tricast £16.97.

3.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, GOLDEN HELLO (L Wyer, 11-10 fav); 2, Mr Woodcock (P Niven, 2-1); 3, Caithness Cloud (B Storey, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Urban Dancing (4th). 4 ran. ¾l, 6l, 1¼l. M H Easterby at Malton. Tote: £2.30. DF £2.20. CSF £3.56.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, STORMY CORAL (B Storey, 7-2); 2, Judicial Field (M Dwyer, 5-1); 3, Chill Wind (R Garritty, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Montrave, 7 Allimac Nomis (pu), 12 Doxford Hut (6th), 14 Funny Old Game, 16 Kanndabil, Must Be Magical (5th), Port In A Storm, 50 Macconachie (4th). 11 ran. NR: Island Gale. 4l, ½l, ½l, 1l, 2½l. C Parker at Lockerbie. Tote £5.00; £1.90, £2.00, £4.00. DF £11.30. Trio £259.40. CSF £20.73. Tricast £458.42.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, FEARLESS WONDER (P Niven, 7-1); 2, Sansool (M Moloney, 6-1); 3, Abbot Of Furness (A Dobbin, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Nicholas Plant (ur), 11-2 Trump (4th), 7 Dockmaster, 8 Jihaad (6th), 10 Marsh's Law (5th), Wills Telmar, 20 Amazon Express (f), 50 Dancing Holly (pu). 11 ran. 1l, 4l, 9l, 5l, 25l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £5.80; £2.50, £3.10, £3.90. DF £27.60. Trio £31.80. CSF £46.58. Tricast £229.79.

Jackpot: £281.40.

Placepot: £26.20. Quadpot: £10.50.

☐ The meeting at Lingfield Park was abandoned because of fog.

☐ The meeting at Nottingham today could be the latest victim of fog. Charlie Moore, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "We have had a problem with fog all day and it is forecast overnight. I want to *warn owners and trainers that* we need the situation to improve. However, it promises to brighten up tomorrow."

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NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
1.20 Zingibar. 1.50 **KING LUCIFER** (nap). 2.20 Maneree. 2.50 Waterford Castle. 3.20 Teinein. 3.50 Camp Bank.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 STRATHMORE LODGE.

Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 **MANEREE** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.20 BRADMORE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£2,449: 2m) (19 runners)

101 3450 *AMBER VALLEY 37 D Williams 5-11-5* A P McCoy 95
102 00 BERTS CHOICE 35 (B) K Bridgwater 5-11-5 B Fenton (5) –
103 0-00 HARD TO BREAK 44 R Juckes 5-11-5 J Lodder –
104 P032 KINDAKOOLA 8 M Chapman 5-11-5 W Worthington 85
105 0 TREE OF TIME 105 (V) J Norton 5-11-5 W Fry –
106 2266 ZAHID 75 K Burke 5-11-5 A Larnach (3) 90
107 0-00 CHOWPOR 8 A Carroll 5-11-0 M A Fitzgerald 80
108 0P-0 CLOVER GIRL 32 B Ellison 5-11-0 B Harding (3) –
109 05F5 CROMABOO CROWN 326 P Bevan 5-11-0 L Wyer –
110 TAUFELIANE 421F J L Harris 5-11-0 A S Smith –
111 3F TUDOR FLIGHT 13F A Newcombe 5-11-0 A Thornton 61
112 050 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 78 (B) M Pipe 5-11-0 J Lower 77
113 00 ABINGER 32 Miss M Rowland 4-10-7 Gary Lyons 96
114 P ALKARINE 98 (V) M Bielby 4-10-7 M Brennan –
115 0 GYMCRAK HERO 41 G Holmes 4-10-7 A Maguire –
116 0060 ORCHIDARMA 13 J Quinn 4-10-7 M Dwyer 84
117 46 TOMMYKNOCKER 40 J Jenkins 4-10-7 J Osborne 85
118 0466 ZINGIBAR 16 J Bradley 4-10-7 *R Johnson (3)* ●
119 P0 PHILS FORTUNE 48 K Bridgwater 4-10-2 D Meredith –

7-2 Wharfedale Music, 5-1 Amber Valley, 6-1 Tudor Flight, Kindakoola, 8-1 Zahid, 10-1 Taufeliane, 12-1 Zingibar, 14-1 others.

1.50 WHITEMOOR NOVICES CHASE
(£3,777: 3m 110yd) (15)

201 23-1 CELTIC TOWN 40 (D,F,S) O Sherwood 8-11-10 J A McCarthy 88
202 1P3U JACKSON FLINT 13 (F) T Thomson Jones 8-11-10 M A Fitzgerald 85
203 -221 KING LUCIFER 13 (CD,G,S) D Nicholson 7-11-10 A Maguire ●
204 P-45 QUITE A MAN 13 (F,S) W Jenks 8-11-8 Mr R Burton (7) 76
205 ANDRE LAVAL K Bailey 7-11-4 M Dwyer –
206 */10- ARCHER 308 (S) N Walker 8-11-4* A P McCoy –
207 4-P6 DEISE MARSHALL 42 J Wade 8-11-4 A S Smith 82
208 0-FP DESPERATE DAYS 34 F Kirby 7-11-4 T Reed –
209 4P-U JACK THE TD 8 Mrs L Taylor 7-11-4 R Supple –
210 0 MAJORS LEGACY 46 T Forster 7-11-4 A Thornton –
211 PP ROXBURGH HOUSE 13 G Balding 7-11-4 B Fenton (5) –
212 SLANEY FRANCE O Sherwood 8-11-4 J Osborne –
213 3U6U SPA KELLY 13 J Pickering 8-11-4 W Worthington 65
214 0/ WOODBRIDGE 777 C Hubbard 7-11-4 K Gaule (3) –
215 5-3U LAY IT OFF 12 (F) J J O'Neill 7-10-13 2nd pref 73

7-4 King Lucifer, 3-1 Celtic Town, 5-1 Slaney France, 6-1 Jackson Flint, 12-1 Archer, 14-1 Andre Laval, 16-1 Lay It Off, 20-1 others.

2.20 BAKERSFIELD HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,925: 3m 110yd) (5)

301 26P- HARRISTOWN LADY 420 (B,D,F,G) Miss V Williams 9-11-13 A Maguire ●
302 3/5- CALABRESE 361 (B,D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 11-11-1 B Harding (3) –
303 600- STRAMORE 286 (S) (D) O Brennan 9-11-0 M Brennan –
304 4-61 MANEREE 41 (D,F,G,S) N Callaghan 9-10-9 A P McCoy 97
305 0044 TRY NEXT DOOR 13 (D,S) M Britain 9-10-0 G Cahill (7) 85

8-13 Maneree, 11-2 Calabrese, 6-1 Try Next Door, 8-1 Stramore, 10-1 Harristown Lady

2.50 BONNINGTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,148: 2m 5f 110yd) (17)

401 6120 HURRYUP 12 (F,S) R Dickin 9-12-0 Philip Hughes (7) 83
402 P-FP TALE OF ENDURANCE 51 (S) C Mann 8-11-13 T Reed –
403 -F54 BUCKS SURPRISE 54 (G) J Mackie 8-11-4 R Supple 95
404 -F2F WATERFORD CASTLE 35 (BF,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-4 J Osborne 90
405 3-33 SPEARHEAD AGAIN 39 K Bridgwater 7-11-2 A Maguire 84
406 5U1/ RUSTIC AIR 1054 (G) J Fitzgerald 9-11-1 W Dwan –
407 3-P4 PLAYING TRUANT 11 (G) D Gandolfo 8-11-0 M Dwyer 90
408 24-0 CHARTERFORHARDWARE 6 (CD,S) W Clay 10-10-12 Gary Lewis (3) 87
409 P-54 OPAL'S TENSPOT 28 (F,G,S) J Bradley 9-10-12 R Johnson (3) 91
410 564- SIMWELL 387 (G) G Hubbard 8-10-10 K Gaule (3) 83
411 UPP- ZAMIL 342 (D,G,S) K Burke 11-10-8 M A Fitzgerald 94
412 *1-55 SPROWSTON BOY 13 (F,G,S) M Chapman 13-10-8* W Worthington 91
413 0/U I'M TOBY 11 (G) A Foster 9-10-7 A S Smith –
414 6563 ALLO GEORGE 37 (G,S) A Newcombe 10-10-4 A Thornton ●
415 -403 SUPPOSIN 34 (B,CD,G,S) Mrs S Smith 8-10-2 R Guest –
416 PP-U CLOWN AROUND 11 (F) J Hubby 8-10-0 D Walsh (5) –
417 -PPP BALLAD RULER 8F (G) P Pritchard 10-10-0 B Fenton (5) –

5-2 Waterford Castle, 6-1 Hurryup, 8-1 Spearhead Again, Allo George, 10-1 Bucks Surprise, Rustic Air, Simwell, 14-1 others.

3.20 GILTBROOK HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,954: 2m) (12)

501 0/02 DIAMOND CUT 63 (D,F,G) M Pipe 8-11-10 J Lower 95
502 -340 MOMENT OF GLORY 11 (D,G,S) D Gandolfo 5-11-9 M Dwyer ●
503 32-6 PINECONE PETER 43 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 9-11-9 M Brennan 94
504 4-41 TEINEIN 48 (D,S) T Forster 5-11-2 A P McCoy 91
505 3-00 SYLVAN SABRE 13 (D,F,G) K Morgan 7-11-2 A S Smith 94
506 /4U- HEARTS ARE WILD 270 (D,F,G) T Forster 9-11-1 A Thornton –
507 FF51 NO LIGHT 13 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 9-11-0 L Harvey 97
508 4056 SAINT CIEL 11 (D,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-9 J Lodder 94
509 -030 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 53 (CD,G,S) G Holmes 8-10-8 R Garritty 92
510 F30- RAIN-N-SUN 280 (D,G,S) J L Harris 10-10-5 A Maguire 95
511 *403- KEEL ROW 244 (G) T Thomson Jones 6-10-3 M A Fitzgerald* 95
512 3-33 SCARBA 7 (CD,BF,S) J Jefferson 8-10-0 L Wyer 96

3-1 Teinein, 9-2 Diamond Cut, 5-1 No Light, 8-1 Moment Of Glory, 10-1 others.

3.50 ASPLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,565: 2m 5f 110yd) (22)

601 41 CAMPAIGN 40 (F) M Hammond 5-12-0 R Burns (8) 90
602 0/P DIXTON HILL 33 (B) R Dickin 8-12-0 Philip Hughes (6) –
603 00-P VICKYBERTO 13 F Coton 7-12-0 C Rae (3) –
604 2121 OLD HABITS 33 (F) J Eyre 7-11-12 C Elliott (10) 87
605 4-21 UNCLE KEENY 75 (B,G,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-10 A Roche (3) 80
606 52-3 SAIL BY THE STARS 65 T Forster 7-11-6 R Johnson 82
607 2564 HUNTERS' HEAVEN 40 J Mackie 5-11-4 E Husband 82
608 -640 CAMP BANK 13 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 D Walsh (3) 80
609 5-5U DUGORT STRAND 60 O Brennan 5-10-13 S O'Donnell (6) 80
610 -P05 BHAVNAGAR 40 B Ellison 5-10-11 B Harding 80
611 5101 OWENS QUEST 6 (G,S) T Etherington 6-10-10 (7ex) R Rourke (8) 86
612 0-16 TAMANDU 11F (G) C James 6-10-8 Guy Lewis 83
613 FPF3 TIME ENOUGH 14 (S) C Brooks 7-10-4 T J Murphy 80
614 01P2 CASSIO'S BOY 13 (S) R Eckley 5-10-3 D Finnegan (5) 84
615 0-3P STRATHMORE LODGE 12 J Jefferson 7-10-2 M Newton (8) ●
616 -205 GREY FINCH 36 O Sherwood 7-10-0 D Thomas (3) 92
617 *0/6 SCEPTICAL 13 J Glover 8-10-0* G Lee 80
618 0/F EASTERN RIVER 8 (G) T Forster 10-10-0 B Fenton –
619 55/ ROYAL STANDARD 638 (V) F Rich 9-10-0 R Massey –
620 00-2 MEGAMUNCH 56 R Juckes 8-10-0 DOUBTFUL 86
621 0-00 FLYING IMP 44 (V) R Hollinshead 5-10-0 M W Martin (8) –
622 0-60 CELTIC REG 16 Mrs H Parrott 6-10-0 Muredach Kelly (3) –

3-1 Uncle Keeny, 5-1 Campaign, 11-2 Camp Bank, 6-1 Owens Quest, 8-1 Old Habits, 10-1 Sail By The Stars, 12-1 Hunters' Heaven, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 10 winners from 35 runners, 28.6%; Mrs I McKie, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J Glover, 4 from 15, 26.7%; M W Easterby, 4 from 15, 26.7%; D Gandolfo, 3 from 12, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 14 winners from 59 rides, 23.7%; R Garritty, 4 from 22, 18.2%; M Brennan, 7 from 39, 17.9%; A Maguire, 11 from 63, 17.5%; M Dwyer, 11 from 69, 15.9%; R Guest, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Milngavie. 2.30 Pharly Dancer. 3.00 Ocean Park. 3.30 Our Tom. 4.00 Boffy. 4.30 Briganoone.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Anjou. 2.30 Old Provence.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 DUDLEY HANDICAP
(£3,691: 2m 46yd) (8 runners)

1 2-32 SHAKIYR 7 (C,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-10 R Cochrane 1
2 061- ANJOU 33 (D,F,G) J Pearce 4-9-5 G Bardwell 8
3 15-0 BALLYMAC GIRL 14 (C,G,S) J Bradley 8-9-5 L Charnock 2
4 00-0 BACKVIEW 7 (C,G) B Llewellyn 4-9-4 C Teague (5) 5
5 0-50 DVORAK 6 (F) R Harris 5-9-1 A Mackay 4
6 */0-6 AVENUE FOCH 14 (F) F Murphy 7-8-6* J Fanning 3
7 50-1 MILNGAVIE 15 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Johnston 6-7-10 T Williams 6
8 000- RANGER SLOANE 4J G Fierro 4-7-10 J Quinn 7

5-2 Shakiyr, 11-4 Milngavie, 3-1 Anjou, 6-1 Ballymac Girl, 7-1 Backview, 8-1 Dvorak, 10-1 others

2.30 TIPTON CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,189: 1m 4f) (8)

1 01/0 MAKE A NOTE 7 (D,F,G,S) P Evans 5-9-10 S Sanders 2
2 020- PHARLY DANCER 58 (D,G) W Haigh 7-9-6 Dale Gibson 5
3 KERRY JANE 29J N Babbage 6-8-13 J Quinn 3
4 510- OLD PROVENCE 39 (CD,F,G) R Harris 6-8-12 A Mackay 4
5 MARADATA 198 (D) R Hollinshead 4-8-11 M Wigham 1
6 026- TONY'S MIST 29J (G,S) J Bradley 6-9-10 S Drowne (3) 7
7 /0-0 TIMELY EXAMPLE 7 B Cambidge 5-8-8 N Adams 8
8 00-6 OFF THE AIR 7 (C,G,S) B Llewellyn 5-8-3 T Williams 6

7-4 Tony's Mist, 11-4 Pharly Dancer, 5-1 Make A Note, 7-1 Old Provence, 8-1 Maradata, 10-1 Off The Air, 12-1 others

3.00 NETHERTON MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,849: 1m 100yd) (8)

1 00-3 GOLDEN POUND 15 Miss G Kelleway 4-9-0 R Cochrane 7
2 440- NIGHT TIME 40J A Streeter 4-9-0 S D Williams 8
3 332- OCEAN PARK 65 Lady Herries 5-9-0 A Clark 6
4 SHOWTIME BLUES 375J A Bailey 7-9-0 D Wright (3) 1
5 00-6 YOUNG BENSON 9 (B) B McMahon 4-9-0 G Carter 4
6 205/ LOVESCAPE 804 B Llewellyn 5-8-9 T Williams 5
7 OTARU M Prescott 4-8-9 C Nutter 2
8 RESTATE 33J F Murphy 5-8-9 J Fanning 3

5-4 Golden Pound, 2-1 Ocean Park, 7-1 Young Benson, Otaru, 8-1 Lovescape, 16-1 Night Time, 20-1 others.

3.30 CONTROLS CENTER HANDICAP
(£5,635: 1m 4f) (9)

1 11-2 OPERA BUFF 11 (CD,BF,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-12 R Cochrane 6
2 44-3 PRINCE DANZIG 11 (D,F,G) D Murray Smith 5-9-4 S Sanders 7
3 24-0 MAGIC JUNCTION 9 (V,C,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-3 T Ives 9
4 5/5- SHAHIK 323 (G) J O'Shea 6-9-2 J Quinn 4
5 45-6 MR TOWSER 9 (D,G) W Haigh 5-9-1 C Teague (5) 8
6 -111 MAPLE BAY 5 (C,G) A Bailey 7-8-8 (5ex) P Roberts (7) 2
7 *04-2 SEVENTEENS LUCKY 4 (G) Bob Jones 4-8-6* J Fanning 1
8 04-1 OUR TOM 9 (C,G) J Wharton 4-8-2 (5ex) N Carlisle 3
9 0-50 ARABOYBILL 7 (B,F,G) R Simpson 5-7-12 G Bardwell 5

5-2 Opera Buff, 3-1 Maple Bay, 5-1 Our Tom, Prince Danzig, 6-1 Seventeens Lucky, 8-1 Magic Junction, 12-1 Araboybill, 16-1 others

4.00 *BILSTON SELLING STAKES*
(Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £2,871: 5f) (12)

1 60-4 BOFFY 14 (D,G) B Baugh 9-5 Iona Wands (7) 5
2 616- MONKEY ZANTY 29 (C,G) J L Harris 9-0 D Wright (3) 4
3 0-50 RED ACUISLE 7 (B) J Berry 8-12 P Roberts (7) 12
4 0-0 SHOOT THE MINSTREL 14 J Pickering 8-12 N Carlisle 8
5 6- COMMON DIVINE 34 C Murray 8-7 M Tebbutt 1
6 D-6 DHES-C 14 R Hollinshead 8-7 F Lynch (7) 6
7 65-6 HAVANA HEIGHTS 8 J Eyre 8-7 N Adams 11
8 43-4 IMPINGTON 11 W Muir 8-7 R Cochrane 7
9 5-23 MARINO STREET 8 (V) P Evans 8-7 S Sanders 2
10 0- MY WEST END GIRL 58 A Streeter 8-7 S D Williams 3
11 450- TOUCH OF FANTASY 53 C Dwyer 8-7 R Mullen (7) 9
12 450- VICTORIA SIOUX 128 J Wharton 8-7 J Quinn 10

11-4 Marino Street, 4-1 Boffy, 5-1 Red Acuisle, 6-1 Monkey Zanty, 7-1 Dhes-C, 10-1 Impington, 12-1 others.

4.30 BIRMINGHAM HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,744: 7f) (9)

1 341- HONESTLY 36 (CD,G) B Smart 9-7 R Cochrane 7
2 003- MYTTONS MISTAKE 36 (D,F) A Bailey 9-7 D Wright (3) 6
3 052- AGENT 58 J Eyre 9-2 R Lappin 1
4 200- THE FRISKY FARMER 53 (F) W G M Turner 9-0 A Clark 5
5 102- CHILIBANG BANG 36 (C,G,S) J Berry 8-11 P Roberts (7) 9
6 20-6 ROTHLEY IMP 12 J Wharton 8-3 J Quinn 2
7 00-3 BRIGANOONE 12 S Bowring 7-12 N Carlisle 8
8 500- TOUCH OF SNOW 93 J Bennett 7-10 P Fessey (5) 4
9 000- CARWYN'S CHOICE 30 P Clarke 7-10 N Adams 3

5-2 Honestly, 3-1 Chilibang Bang, 9-2 Agent, Myttons Mistake, 7-1 Briganoone, 8-1 Rothley Imp, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 30 winners from 113 runners, 26.5%; Lord *Huntingdon, 15 from 63, 23.8%; J Pearce, 6 from 31, 19.4%; M* Prescott, 11 from 58, 19.0%; A Bailey, 28 from 173, 16.2%; W G M Turner, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

JOCKEYS: R Lappin, 4 winners from 19 rides, 21.1%; C Nutter, 3 from 16, 18.8%; T Ives, 20 from 118, 16.9%; R Cochrane, 13 from 85, 15.3%; P Fessey, 4 from 28, 14.3%; D Wright, 20 from 157, 12.7%.

Beardsley sets ambitious target

Newcastle stake single-minded claim for double

BY PETER BALL AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

IN THE 1950s, the league and FA Cup double was regarded as almost impossible; nowadays talk of it is cheap, even before the third round of the Cup is complete. Tonight, Peter Beardsley leads Newcastle United into their replay with Chelsea saying "we still have a chance of doing the double."

In the Cup there is many a slip, as Beardsley knows, but his statement reflects the growing belief at Newcastle that, after their win at Coventry on Sunday, they will win at least one half of the double, the FA Carling Premiership. "We are starting to believe we can do it," Beardsley said. "The dream is becoming a reality.

"It would be special to lead Newcastle out at Wembley, but our No 1 target is still the league. The FA Cup can help take the pressure off us. It's not the be all and end all, but it's there to be won, and we've got as big a say in it as anyone."

Newcastle have late fitness tests on Ferdinand, the scorer of their late equaliser at Stamford Bridge, Lee and Howey. Chelsea have appealed against the sending-off of Mark Hughes, for allegedly stamping on David Unsworth, in the 1-1 draw at Everton on Saturday. If unsuccessful, Hughes could miss five matches because of suspension.

A different kind of double is concerning Manchester City — the failure of their front pair, Quinn and Rösler, to score goals or work effectively together. Alan Ball has kept faith with them for the replay with Leicester City at Maine Road tonight, but his patience is beginning to wear thin.

"You've got to be loyal, and give people a chance to work it out, but there comes a point when you have to change it," he said. "They've each played well individually over a period of time, but they may be too similar as a pair."

Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, will be seeking his first victory in four matches since taking over. "It's a big game, of course it is, but I'm still more concerned with our next five matches in the league," he said. "They're far more crucial to us."

Freetown Kudos, the bull mascot of Hereford United, has been banned from parading before the replay against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane tonight but the Endsleigh Insurance League third division club still intend to add a touch of rustic tradition to the occasion. In the centre circle before kick-off, Keith Benjamin, an associate director, is hoping to perform an ancient Herefordshire ritual, in which he will worship a swede.

Not that Hereford have borrowed Tomas Brolin, the Leeds United forward, for the evening. The object of Benjamin's attentions will be an edible bulbous root, of the large turnip variety.

"We want to enjoy ourselves and create a party atmosphere, even if Tottenham don't seem to have the greatest sense of humour," Peter Hill, the Hereford chairman, said. "Freetown wouldn't have caused any problems, he's much better behaved than a lot of football supporters."

Hereford may yet turn up with a pantomime bull while Hill, a leading member of the town's amateur operatic society, also intends to take along his outrageous ginger toupee. He concedes that although Tottenham were fortunate to salvage a 1-1 draw at Edgar Street, they are likely to win at the second attempt.

He is happy, however, at the prospect of about £200,000 in takings from the tie. "That should leave us in a much healthier state," he said.

Keith Downing, the Hereford midfield player, is none too optimistic, either, of a fourth-round match against Birmingham City or Wolverhampton Wanderers — two of his former clubs. "I'd like to think we could do it but you've got to favour Spurs on a bigger and better pitch," he said.

Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, has no doubts. He has threatened to bare his backside at Wembley if Hereford get through. Of Birmingham's chances at Molineux tonight, he expects another encounter similar to the rugged 1-1 draw at St Andrew's. "I expect Wolves will psych it up a bit and make it into world war three," he said. "We've enough injuries as it is at the moment but I'm sure we'll get a few more in this game."

Arsenal, buoyed by success in the Coca-Cola Cup against Newcastle last week and a league win at Middlesbrough on Saturday, travel to Sheffield United, hoping to make amends for a stuttering 1-1 draw at Highbury.

Cliftonville dread penalty prospect

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WEST Bromwich Albion can breathe easily again, their run of 11 successive defeats in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division having ended with a 0-0 draw against Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday. For Cliftonville, though, the nightmare returns to haunt them, again and again. When the part-timers from the Smirnoff Irish League premier division take on Ballymena in the Sun Life Gold Cup quarter-finals tonight, even defeat in normal or extra time might be preferable to what could follow.

Cliftonville cannot win penalty shoot-outs. Of the 17 they have taken part in, they have won only four; of 13 in the past ten years, they have won only one. Twice already this season they have endured a slow death at the sudden-death conclusion of a match — in the League Cup quarter-final against Crusaders and in the Co Antrim Shield first-round tie against Carrick Rangers. It is getting beyond a joke, Irish or otherwise.

"I reckon some of the lads think they're playing Gaelic football, they keep putting the ball over the bar," Marty Quinn, the Cliftonville manager, said. "I've always been a bit of an optimist, but it's beginning to get to me, too."

After a 2-2 draw against Carrick, in November, Cliftonville let slip a 2-0 lead in the shoot-out to lose 4-3. The decisive penalty from Marty Tabb, the captain, was last seen heading for the grounds of the nearby Carrick hospital.

Victory for Cliftonville this evening would mean a lucrative semi-final against Linfield, but, if the tie goes to penalties, forget it. Put the mortgage, bank account and kitchen sink on Ballymena.

☐ Northern Ireland will play four of their first five World Cup qualifying matches in Belfast on Saturdays, it was announced yesterday, after talks involving all the teams in group nine were concluded in Frankfurt. Their only away trip before April of next year will be to Germany on November 9, although they will will have a tough finish to the fixtures next year with trips to Albania and Portugal.

NORTHERN IRELAND WORLD CUP SCHEDULE: Group 9: 1996: Ukraine (home), Saturday August 31. Armenia (home), Saturday October 5: Germany (away), Saturday November 9: Albania (home), Saturday December 14. 1997: Portugal (home), Saturday March 29: Ukraine (away), Wednesday April 2: Armenia (away), Wednesday April 30: Germany (home), Wednesday August 20: Albania (away), Wednesday September 10: Portugal (away), Saturday October 11

DAVID MUSCROFT

Kendall, right, and McDonald, his new chairman, are relishing a brighter future for Sheffield United

Kendall returns to the spotlight

Peter Ball finds a familiar figure staging a revival before an FA Cup third-round replay

A week ago, Newcastle United found Arsenal too stern a test at Highbury in a cup-tie. Four days earlier, a team at the wrong end of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division had succeeded where the FA Carling Premiership leaders failed, drawing 1-1 in the third round of the FA Cup and generating the crowds that have queued for tickets round Bramall Lane for the replay tonight. Sheffield United's biggest night of the season.

Howard Kendall, the new Sheffield manager, is looking forward to the game with particular relish. "I wasn't even employed when the third-round draw was made, so to be involved at Highbury was fabulous," Kendall said. "It gives you a buzz, it gives the staff and players a big lift, and the fans. To see queues round Bramall lane and smiles on people's faces is what you come to the club for. You want to give them something to shout about."

After a spell out of the game, recovering from his dismissal by Notts County, Kendall is wasting no time giving his supporters something to shout about. With a new Sheffield chairman, Mike McDonald, loosening the purse strings, Kendall has set about changing round his team, bringing in seven new players in his five weeks in charge and changing the team's approach to one suited to the passing traditions of the club of Jimmy Hagan and Tony Currie.

He again looks like the man who, six years ago, when Graham Taylor was appointed, was most professionals' choice for the vacant position of England manager. Kendall, however, refused an interview, feeling he was not ready to give up the day-to-day involvement that he enjoyed, as well as believing that Taylor was certain to get the job.

Yet since then, Kendall's star has waned. He left Manchester City, amid some criticism, to return to Everton in 1990, by now a different club to the one he had left as champions in 1987. "Looking back, maybe the heart ruled the head," he said, "but how can you regret managing Everton for another three years? For most people, there is one club that has a special pull."

His rebuilding took its time and he finally resigned when the directors refused to sanction the purchase of Dion Dublin to add height and presence to a small forward line.

From Everton, he took some wrong turnings, a spell at Notts County ending amid slurs that he had a drink problem. "I will never forgive the people involved who actually did that," Kendall said.

His response has been significant. Realising that the whispers were harmful, he put himself on a strict regimen, training every day. "If people are talking about you, you can either say 'it's a load of nonsense' and carry on, or you can do something about it," he said. "I'm doing something about it."

He has now lost any excess weight and is as lean, fit and bright-eyed as in his playing days, bubbling with enthusiasm for his new job and for the game.

This time, he has had only one mention as a potential England manager — from Ray Wilkins, whose suggestion on *Match of the Day* was received in polite silence. "If I'd not received that bad publicity in terms of the Notts County fiasco, my CV stands up alongside most," he insisted. "The publicity puts a black mark there, so I've got to live with that."

Yet among working English (as opposed to Scottish) managers, he still has the best credentials. Like Venables, he worked successfully in Spain; unlike Venables, he has won two English championships and a European trophy. He did it, moreover, with an Everton side that represented the best of the English tradition, which he continues to uphold.

"The long-ball game and cutting out midfield — stopping players being comfortable on the ball and telling them that if they have two touches they'll be brought off — has ruined our game," he said. "We are way behind and that is something that has happened because of the coaching methods which were being taught at the highest level in this country."

Kendall remains true to his beliefs. Any stories that the fire in his heart is out can be discounted. McDonald has given him his chance, and Kendall is determined to grasp it, enabling one of football's last potentially powerful under-achievers to fulfil its potential. If Sheffield beat Arsenal tonight, one or two people might begin to sit up and take notice.

Van Vossen moves to Rangers in exchange deal

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETER VAN VOSSEN, the Holland international, arrived in Glasgow yesterday to join Rangers and admitted: "I'm so relieved to leave Turkey." Van Vossen has arrived in a straight swap deal that has taken Oleg Salenko, the Russian, to Istanbulspor.

Van Vossen, 27, who was transferred from Ajax to Istanbul last summer, can play wide on the left or through the middle. His arrival is another statement of intent from Rangers as they try to see off the challenge of Celtic, their arch-rivals, and win their eighth consecutive Scottish title.

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said: "The deal has finally gone through and we are delighted to get Peter after what has been quite a drawn-out transfer."

Van Vossen, capped 17 times, said: "I'm very happy to be here. I had a lot of problems in Turkey communicating with the other players and I did not play well. Now this is a big chance for me to come back into European football.

"It will take me a few days to get fully fit. I think British football will suit me because I like to give 100 per cent for the whole 90 minutes."

Smith believes Van Vossen will give his side an added dimension: "We have lacked that this season with Trevor Steven injured, while Brian Laudrup prefers to drift and is not an out-and-out winger. Peter can play wide and can also score a goal when going through the middle. He may need a full week's training before we can consider playing him as he hasn't had a match since mid-December."

Van Vossen may not feature against Hearts this Saturday and has not been registered in time for the Tennents Scottish Cup third-round tie against non-league Keith on January 27.

Salenko, who scored a record five goals for Russia against Cameroon in the 1994 World Cup finals, was a £2.5 million purchase from Valencia, the Spanish club, last July. He scored eight times in 18 appearances for Rangers, but failed to settle in the team or in Scotland.

Aberdeen have been asked to give their version of how the referee, Michael McCurry, was hit by a missile during the match with Celtic at Pittodrie, on Sunday. The Scottish Football Association (SFA) is writing to Aberdeen for their comments on the incident. The matter will then go before the SFA's disciplinary committee.

McCurry was cut on the back of the head when an object was thrown from one corner of the ground. The area, pointed out to police by the official, was occupied by home supporters.

Hope soars as Olympic trial hots up

SHANNON HOPE, the captain, is certain that Great Britain's Olympic ice hockey squad can consolidate the lead in their qualifying group by coming through a difficult tie against Slovenia in Ljubljana tonight. The team has won one and drawn its other two group games.

"The Slovenians will be tough, especially on their own ice," Hope said. "But we've had success against this type of opposition before. If we can get through this group we think we've got every chance of making it to the Olympics because the top five progress from the next qualifying round."

Britain top the group with four points from three games, one point ahead of Switzerland and Denmark — both of whom have a game in hand — with Slovenia two points adrift, as they aim for the 1988 Games in Japan.

Britain travel to Denmark — who were fortunate to escape with a draw when the teams met at Milton Keynes — in February. In their most recent match, Britain came back from 2-0 down to draw with Switzerland.

Slovenia unexpectedly lost their opening fixture in Denmark but bounced back to crush Holland, the group strugglers, 8-0 just before Christmas. They also have a game in hand over Britain.

At club level, Humberside Hawks are in danger of folding after the refusal of Hull City Council to help to fund the premier division side when they take responsibility for Hull Ice Arena in March.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 96 Detroit 88; Milwaukee 98 New York 92; Chicago 116 Washington 109; Minnesota 103 Sacramento 94; LA Lakers 96 Miami 88, Golden State 95 Seattle 104, New Jersey 108 Toronto 83, Dallas 119 Orlando 104; Houston 107 Utah 99.

BOWLS

PORTSMOUTH: Under-25 international: England 99 Wales 114. (Rink scores — Wales skips first. N Collett 17, S Airey 20; G Williams 18, S Skelton 12; B Evans 23, I Jenkins 13; J Webley 15, I Bond 19; M Letman 19, N Jones 19; J R Davies 22, R Newman 16.

ALL ENGLAND MIXED INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Zone semi-finals: Zone one: Cumbria bt Concordia 81-67, Hartlepool bt Sunderland 88-64. Zone two: Blackpool Borough bt Old Mill 78-77; York bt Hull 90-71. Zone three: Boston bt Scunthorpe 96-67, South Forest bt Barwell 78-66. Zone four: Cambridge Chesterton bt Wisbech 104-65, Kingsthorpe bt St Neots 86-74. Zone five: North Walsham bt Acle 85-69, Ipswich bt Browston Hall 99-63. Zone six: Tilbury bt Essex County (holders) 79-78, Stonyhill bt Towerlands 85-77. Zone seven: David Lloyd (Chigwell) bt Barking 84-74, Paddington bt The Lawns 100-74. Zone eight: Desborough (Maidenhead) bt Foxhill 90-69; Herts Watford bt Slade 88-81. Zone nine: Erdington Court bt Rugby Thornfield 91-69, Swindon Westlecot bt Bentham 76-69. Zone ten: Cambridge Park bt Richmond 104-60; Croydon bt Temple 108-59. Zone 11: Loddonvale bt Egham 93-72, Wey Valley bt West Berks 74-72. Zone 12: Prince Arthur bt Oyster 82-64, Royal Tunbridge Wells bt Dartford Stone Lodge 82-76. Zone 13: Preston bt Eastbourne 84-67, Worthing bt Egerton Park 92-88. Zone 14: Atherley bt Five Rivers 87-65, Dolphin bt Dorchester 92-78. Zone 15: Northavon bt Clevedon 83-76, British Cellophane bt Ilminster 81-75. Zone 16: Teignbridge bt Sidmouth 103-52; Bodmin bt Plymouth Civil Service 96-76.

CRICKET

First Test match

New Zealand v Zimbabwe

HAMILTON (fourth day of five): New Zealand, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, lead Zimbabwe by 78 runs

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 230 for 8 dec (S P Fleming 49; H H Streak 4-52).

Second Innings

C M Spearman lbw b Streak	27
R G Twose run out	8
S P Fleming c A Flower b P Strang	21
A C Parore not out	33
N J Astle c Olonga b B Strang	32
C L Cairns not out	6
Extras (lb 4, nb 5, w 3)	12
Total (4 wkts)	129

*†L K Germon, D N Patel, G R Loveridge, R J Kennedy and G I Allott to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-63, 3-84, 4-121.

BOWLING: Streak 13-2-37-1, Brandes 10-1-34-0; B Strang 5-1-19-1: P Strang 15-6-28-1; G Flower 3-1-7-0.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

G W Flower b Cairns	5
S V Carlisle c Germon b Cairns	4
A D Campbell c Astle b Allott	5
D L Houghton lbw b Cairns	31
*†A Flower c Spearman b Kennedy	6
G J Whittall c Germon b Kennedy	54
H H Streak c Spearman b Cairns	24
P A Strang b Patel	49
H R Olonga c Germon b Kennedy	0
E A Brandes not out	3
B C Strang c Astle b Patel	4
Extras (lb 3, nb 6, w 2)	11
Total	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-13, 3-21, 4-41, 5-56, 6-98, 7-189, 8-189, 9-191.

BOWLING: Cairns 24-7-56-4; Allott 17-5-51-1; Kennedy 12-4-28-3. Twose 5-1-14-0, Patel 16.5-4-44-2

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (final day of four): Adelaide: South Australia 392 (P Nobes 121, J Siddons 110; A Stuart 3-67) and 243-8 dec (D Webber 89). New South Wales 284 (P Emery 60; P McIntyre 3-70, J Gillespie 3-71) and 229 (M Slater 44, T May 4-72). South Australia won by 122 runs. Hobart: Tasmania 455-8 dec (D Boon 108, S Young 100 not out) and 27-0; Victoria 275 (I Harvey 85, D Jones 53, J Marquet 4-63) and 206 (D Jones 58). Tasmania won by ten wickets.

HARARE: Under-19 international (final day of four): England 181-4 (A Morris 74, A Flintoff 55). Match drawn.

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Second round replay: Brechin 1 Clyde 3 (aet; score 0-0 after 90min)

ICIS LEAGUE: Carlton cup: Third round: Ruislip 1 Billericay 4. Carshalton Ath 4 Thame 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham C 5 Everton 1. Newcastle 2 Stoke 4. Second division: Mansfield 1 Grimsby 3; Preston 2 Leicester 2

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Swindon 0 Southampton 0. Second division: Birmingham 0 Newport 2. Cheltenham 0 Bournemouth 2.

AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP: Johannesburg: Group A: Egypt 2 Angola 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Norwich 2 Burnley 1

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Goodyear under-16 trophy: Robert Manning, Lincolnshire 0, Lutterworth Grammar, Leicestershire 5. FA Premier League under-16 trophy: Gloucestershire 0, Devon 2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Islanders 3 Tampa Bay 2; Vancouver 6 Boston 0; Philadelphia 6 Dallas 1

RUGBY FIVES

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, London: National under-25 championship: Singles: Quarter-finals: H Akerman bt S Fraser 11-7, 11-5. W Akerman bt B Taberner 10-12, 11-5, 11-0. P d'Ancona bt J Hughes 11-3, 11-6. I Purvis bt T Stock 10-12, 11-7, 11-8. Semi-finals: H Akerman bt W Akerman 11-9, 11-5. Purvis bt d'Ancona 11-9, 11-5. Final: Akerman bt Purvis 8-11, 11-3, 11-3. Doubles: Quarter-finals: P d'Ancona and B Taberner bt A Rue and J Savoury 11-4, 11-0; T Stock and P Campbell bt J Hughes and S Martin 11-7, 11-4; H Akerman and W Akerman bt O Stone-Lee and N McIver 11-5, 11-8; I Purvis and S Fraser bt P Padmanaban and J McGill 11-2, 11-2. Semi-finals: d'Ancona and Taberner bt Stock and Campbell 11-8, 11-4. Purvis and Fraser bt Akerman and Akerman 11-7, 12-10. Final: Purvis and Fraser bt d'Ancona and Taberner 11-6, 11-6

SKIING

ADELBODEN, Switzerland: World Cup: Men: Giant slalom: 1, M von Gruenigen (Switz) (1min 16.60sec, 1:13.36) 2min 29.96sec; 2, U Kaelin (Switz) (1.16.98, 1.14.81) 2:31.79; 3, T Stiansen (Nor) (1.17.50, 1.15.20) 2:32.70; 4, F Nyberg (Swe) (1:18.41, 1:14.34) 2.32.75; 5, A Vogl (Ger) (1.17.98, 1.14.81) 2:32.79; 6, G Mader (Austria) (1:18.07, 1.14.82) 2:32.89. World Cup standings: Giant slalom: 1, Von Gruenigen 620pts; 2, L Kjus (Nor) 435; 3, Kaelin 421; 4, H Knaus (Austria) 306; 5, Nyberg 265; 6, S Locher (Switz) 212. Overall: 1, Kjus 958; 2, Von Gruenigen 690; 3, A Tomba (It) 616; 4, G Mader (Austria) 569; 5, H Knaus 562; 6, M Reiter (Austria) 433.

SQUASH

EDGBASTON PRIORY, Birmingham: GM national championships: Men: Final: P Nicol bt M Chaloner 9-6, 9-1, 9-1. Women: Final: S Horner bt L Charman 9-4, 7-9, 9-4, 9-1.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Men: Singles: First round: R Krajicek (Holl) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-1, 6-3, 6-2; S Stolle (Aus) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; S Bryan (US) bt H Denman (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; J Frana (Arg) bt D Nestor (Can) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; F Fetterlein (Den) bt H Dreekman (Ger) 6-0, 6-2, 1-6, 3-6, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt A Ilie (Aus) 7-5, 6-3, 6-7, 6-7, 6-4; T Henman (GB) bt P Korda (Cz) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4; J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt S Schalken (Holl) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, 2-1 ret; T Muster (Austria) bt T Guardiola (Fr) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Novak (Cz) 7-6, 7-5, 3-6, 5-7, 6-1; C Adams (US) bt T Larkham (Aus) 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 6-3, 9-7; M Ondruska (SA) bt D Rostagno (US) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, 7-6; P McEnroe (US) bt P Fredriksson (Swe) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 7-6; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 7-6, 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt C Moya (Sp) 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6; D Wheaton (US) bt J Morgan (Aus) 6-2, 6-4, 7-5; J Siemerink (Holl) bt G Schaller (Austria) 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-5; F Clavet (Sp) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 6-0, 6-3, 6-3; A Corretja (Sp) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 6-3, 6-3, 6-0; M Washington (US) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 2-1 ret; F de Wulf (Bel) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt M Damm (Cz) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; A Boetsch (Fr) bt G Forget (Fr) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; D Nargiso (It) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3; A Costa (Sp) bt F Meligeni (Br) 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 3-0 ret; B Black (Zim) bt H Holm (Swe) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt M Göllner (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; M Joyce (US) bt K Goossens (Bel) 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; B Steven (NZ) bt N Marques (Por) 6-3, 7-5, 7-5; B Becker (Ger) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Women: Singles: First round: M Sales (US) bt J Lee (US) 6-3, 6-0; K Date (Japan) bt A Gavaldon (Mex) 6-2, 6-0; N Feber (Bel) bt S Jeyaseelan (Can) 6-4, 6-0; I Majoli (Cro) bt E Makarova (Russ) 6-4, 6-2; J Halard-Decugis (Fr) bt J Taylor (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; M-A Sánchez Lorenzo (Sp) bt V Martinek (Ger) 6-2, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt N Pratt (Aus) 7-5, 6-3; F Lubiani (It) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; A Huber (Ger) bt S Kleinova (Cz) 6-1, 6-4; R Stubbs (Aus) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-3, 6-4; B Paulus (Austria) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-0, 6-0; D Randriantefy (Mad) bt M Strandlund (Swe) 7-5, 7-6; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 6-2, 6-4; M Endo (Japan) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 7-6, 6-4; N Dahlman (Fin) bt K Nowak (Pol) 6-3, 6-0; S-T Wang (Taiwan) bt A Temesvari (Hun) 7-6, 6-1; K Boogert (Holl) bt A Serra-Zanetti (It) 6-3, 6-2; M J Fernandez (US) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) 6-4, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt C Wood (GB) 6-4, 6-1; L Davenport (US) bt C Singer (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 6-4, 6-0; S Hack (Ger) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; Y Kamio (Japan) bt F Li (China) 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; J Kandarr (Ger) bt T Jecmenica (Yugo) 6-4, 6-3; F Labat (Arg) bt J-Q Yi (China) 6-2, 6-2; B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) 1-6, 7-6, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt M Schnell (Austria) 6-2, 6-2; M Grzybowska (Pol) bt T Musgrave (Aus) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; B Schett (Austria) bt A Frazier (US) 4-6, 7-5, 9-7; S Meier (Ger) bt M Tang (HK) 0-6, 6-4, 6-2; P Sung-Hee (S Kor) bt M Alejandra Vento (Ven) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; M Pierce (Fr) bt P Schwarz (Austria) 6-3, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

FA Cup

Third round replays

Man City v Leicester (7.45)
Newcastle v Chelsea (7.45)
Nottingham Forest v Stoke (7.45)
* Sheff Utd v Arsenal (7.45)
* Stockport v Everton
Tottenham v Hereford (7.45)
Wimbledon v Watford (7.45)
Wolverhampton v Birmingham (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

Heart of Midlothian v Celtic

First division

Morton v Dunfermline P

Second division

East Fife v Stirling

Third division

Livingston v Caley Thistle

Anglo-Italian Cup

Semi-final

Genoa v Salernitana (6.0)

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Molesey v Sutton United.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale v Ton Pentre; Porthmadog v Rhyl (7.45)

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Feltham v Cranleigh.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Bristol City (2.0), Charlton v West Ham (7.0), Ipswich v Crystal Palace (at Bury St Edmunds), Norwich v Queens Park Rangers, Oxford Utd v Portsmouth, Southampton v Tottenham (at Marchwood FC); Wimbledon v Chelsea (2.0), Bristol Rovers v Millwall. Second division: Cardiff v Bath. Newport AFC v Torquay (7.45), Swansea v Plymouth (2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Manchester Utd v Liverpool (at Bury FC); Tranmere v Oldham. West Bromwich v Bolton. Second division: Burnley v Barnsley (7.15). Grimsby v Port Vale (7.0), Huddersfield v Hull (7.0), Sunderland v Blackpool (7.0). York v Aston Villa (7.0)

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell v Elmore

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork v Sligo (7.45).

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round: Temple U v Home Farm (2.0); UCC v Limerick (2.15). Waterford v Galway. First round replay: St James Gate v Derry

SUN LIFE GOLD CUP: Quarter-final: Cliftonville v Ballymena.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Eastleigh v Bemerton Heath

FA CARLSBERG VASE: Fourth round replay: Selby v Trafford.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League under-16 Trophy: Hampshire v Berkshire (at Andover). Greater Manchester v Cheshire (at Belle Vue 7.0). Northumberland v North Yorkshire (at Blyth Spartan, 7.0). English Schools Snickers under-19 Trophy: St Mary's VIth Form College, Cleveland v York Coach College, North Yorkshire (at Guisborough FC, 1.30). English Goodyear under-16 Trophy: St Theodore's RC, Lancashire v Burnage High School, Greater Manchester (1.45); St Francis Xavier, Merseyside v St Chads RC, Cheshire, (2.0). Midland Counties under-15: Staffordshire v Warwickshire.

RUGBY UNION

Representative matches

Cambridge Univ v RAF (7.15)
Royal Navy v Oxford University
(at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, 6.0)

Club match

Newcastle v Durham City (7.30) C

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30

Stones Championship

Oldham v Warrington
St Helens v London Broncos

Second division

Barrow v Chorley
Hunslet v Bramley
Leigh v Carlisle

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham v Leopards (7.30). National Cup: Quarter-finals (8.0): Thames Valley v London; Sheffield v Manchester

Wigan in need of stronger challenge

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

FOR all Wigan's achievement in winning the centenary season double, the cream provided by the Super League is the spur in rugby league's 101st year. Goodness knows, the perennial British champions need a worthier challenge.

No player likes to amass winner's medals more than Shaun Edwards. The Regal Trophy last Saturday and a seventh successive Stones Championship title have taken his personal collection in a decade to 39, but even the Wigan captain concedes the need for a more demanding life.

There is winning easy, as Wigan have mostly been doing, and winning tough, a prospect held out by play-offs with the four leading sides in the Australasian Super League in September, the new yardstick by which the 12 clubs in the European Super League must measure up.

Since scaling the Central Park ranks to the job of first-team coach 2½ years ago, Graeme West has had no experience of failure. Wigan have reigned supreme in all competitions, including their last brush with Australian club opposition, a memorable victory over Brisbane, in the world club challenge, in June 1994.

West's team has gone on to cut a familiar swath through the domestic game. Not that Canberra, Brisbane and Sydney Bulldogs will be sitting ducks. With the advantage of firmer pitches in the move to a spring and summer season, West sees preparation in terms of getting stronger, fitter and faster — rugby league's prerequisite now.

For all the encouraging signs of progress towards the advent of the Super League in March — at St Helens, Warrington and Bradford, in particular — a genuinely competitive championship is some way off while other clubs are still trying to catch up Wigan. That old message was again reinforced by the truncated season now winding up.

A one-team show, as far as Europe is concerned, will do little for the new trans-global enterprise's credibility. "There are two or three sides building well, while we'll be going for every little edge possible," West said. "But it's important we all compete well and do not simply get whitewashed by the Aussies in the play-offs."

By September, what state will players who have played 12 months non-stop be in? The dangers of a gluttonous *hors d'ouevres*, in terms of clubs' agreement to an overcrowded interim season before the Super League main course, will probably come back to haunt several of them, leaving Wigan alone in their attempt to rise to a new challenge.

☐ John Connolly, the Wigan referee, whose mistake in allowing seven tackles before a try that cost Warrington victory at Halifax last Sunday, has been removed from his appointment at tonight's St Helens v London Broncos match and has had his future appointments reviewed. Greg McCallum, the referees' coaching director, said officials were accountable for all decisions.

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Crowe calls it a day after long struggle for fitness

MARTIN CROWE, New Zealand's leading Test batsman, yesterday announced his retirement. Crowe, 33, returned from the tour of India last November with injuries to both legs. He was told by selectors he needed to play two domestic matches to prove his fitness before the World Cup but was unable to play even one.

"In the end, it's just too painful and too hard to continue playing at the level that I'd like to play at," Crowe said. "I had no choice at this stage but to stand down."

In a 77-Test career that began in 1981, Crowe scored 5,444 runs, including 17 centuries, at an average of 45.36. He scored more runs and centuries than any other New Zealander. His 299 against Sri Lanka, in 1991, is the highest Test innings by a New Zealander and contributed to a third-wicket partnership of 467 with Andrew Jones, which is a Test record.

Crowe captained his country in 16 Tests and led them the semi-finals of the 1992 World Cup, in which he was named player of the tournament. For much of the 1990s a recurring injury to his right knee, the result of an accident when he was a schoolboy, prevented him playing a full part in New Zealand's Test programme.

He had one outstandingly successful season in county cricket with Somerset, in 1987, in which he scored 1,627 runs, averaging 67.79.

New Zealand had clawed their way to 129 for four in their second innings by the close of the fourth day of the first Test match against Zimbabwe at Hamilton and led by 163, having earlier dismissed Zimbabwe for 196.

Crowe: played 77 Tests

Warwickshire players likely to be discarded from World Cup party

Last opportunity for England to regain credibility

From Simon Wilde in Durban

THE time for laxity and losing has run out. If England are not to go to the World Cup in three weeks' time demoralised by defeat and unsettled as a team they must rally their strength and beat South Africa three times in five days, starting here today with the fifth one-day international of the seven-match series in which they trail 3-1.

It was always England's intention to round off their three-month tour by fielding their first-choice World Cup team in each of the last three matches, but injury has thwarted the plan. Neil Fairbrother picked up a groin strain — a familiar problem for him — during his unbeaten 57 at the Wanderers last Saturday and he may miss all the remaining matches rather than risk aggravating it.

Nevertheless, the England team for today's day-night match at Kingsmead should provide some strong guidance as to the way Raymond Illingworth, the manager, and Michael Atherton, the captain, are thinking.

They still maintain that their strongest side is better than South Africa's, even if it has been an increasingly difficult position to justify. The next five days may make it untenable.

England must battle on, because the resources at their disposal are effectively the best they have got. They may toy with bringing in players other than those on duty in South Africa, but their match fitness would be suspect and preparation time in Pakistan will be at a premium. The likes of John Crawley, Angus Fraser and Tim Munton may be considered but rejected

Thus, three of the 17 players here must lose out and it appears that Ramprakash, Reeve and Neil Smith are most at risk. Ramprakash is competing with Robin Smith for the sixth specialist batting place and although he is clearly superior as a fielder

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Allan Lamb, 41, the former England batsman, will play one last season for Northamptonshire before retiring. Lamb gave up the county captaincy at the end of last summer but intends to accept a new one-year contract.

Robin Smith is valued too highly, it seems, for him to be left out. His one-day record is excellent — he averages 40 and has made the highest score, 167 not out, for England at this form of the game — while Ramprakash has yet to prove he can cut it as an international batsman.

Stewart and Russell are certainties as wicketkeeping all-rounders but the one place allocated for a bowling all-rounder is fraught with problems.

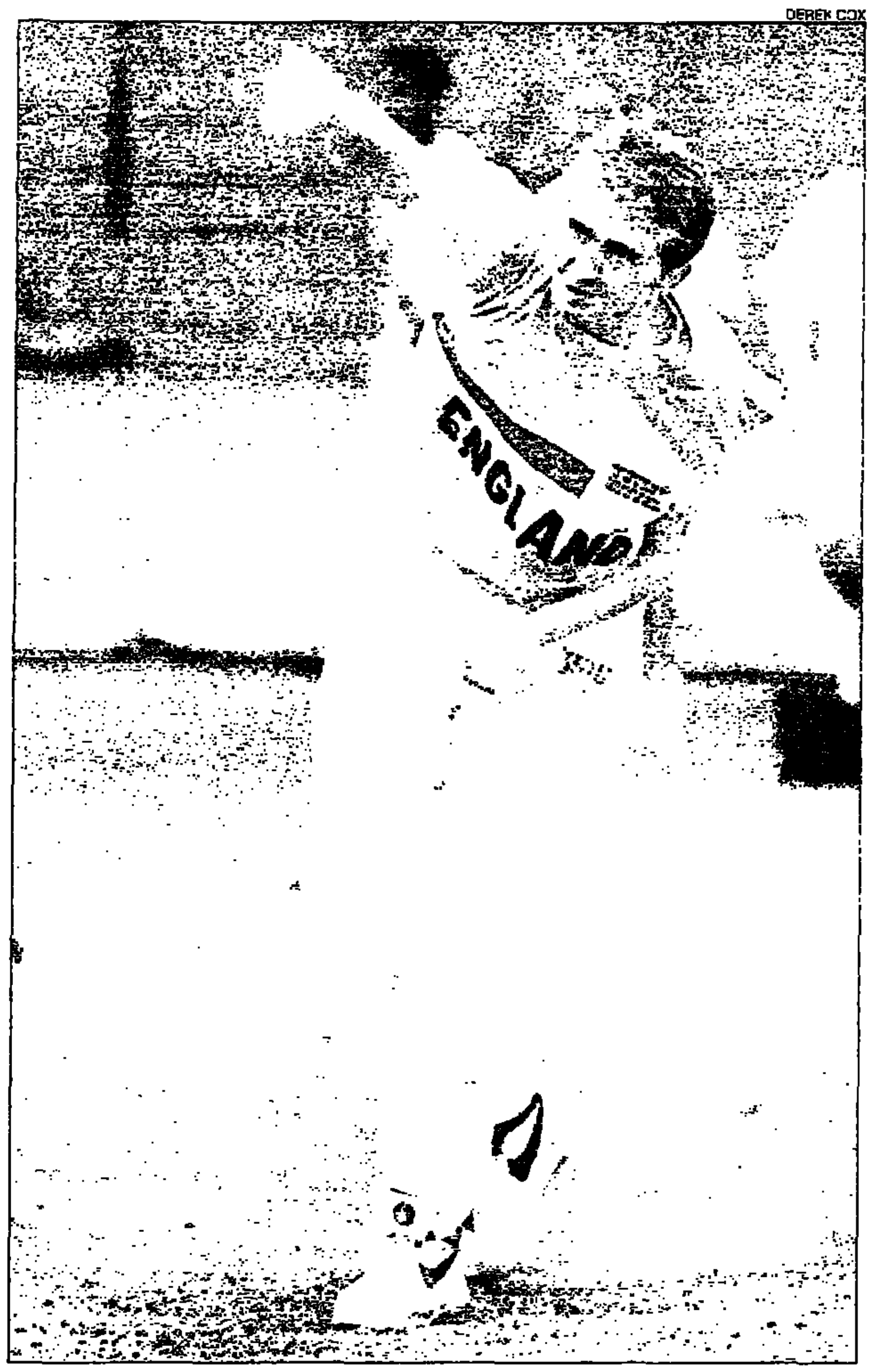
Neither of the two candidates, Reeve and White, have made strong cases for selection; indeed they appear incapable of performing the sort of role McMillan fills for South Africa. But White has, perhaps, the greater potential.

Neil Smith is competing with Watkinson for the second spinner's place behind Richard Illingworth and in this case fielding skills, or lack of them, may be decisive. Smith's misfortune is that he has not yet been given a worthy trial in this series.

Ironically the four seamers, Cork, DeFreitas, Gough and Martin, appear to pick themselves, even though they present the greatest headache. After England's long net at Kingsmead was cut short by rain yesterday, the team management held a meeting with the bowlers to urge them to eliminate wides and no-balls and stick to an economical line, a sorry indication of the state of affairs. It was an essential meeting but whether the lessons will be learnt is another matter.

Illingworth denied that Devon Malcolm's criticisms of him in a series of newspaper articles had affected the team. "The only person they have affected is me and I am very upset about it all," he said. "I have spoken to Lord's and expect them to take the necessary action."

Malcolm, meanwhile, denied that the dispute had anything to do with his colour. "He [Malcolm] has not alleged that either the Test and County Cricket Board or the tour management discriminated against him on account of race," a statement read.



DEREK COX

Cork was concentrating on improved accuracy at net practice yesterday

IN BRIEF

Swiss pair celebrate success in slalom

A FOURTH World Cup giant slalom victory of the season enabled Michael Von Grünigen to complete a Swiss skiing double in front of home supporters at Adelboden yesterday. His compatriot, Urs Kälin, came second.

Von Grünigen led after the first run and recorded a combined time of 2min 29.96sec to seal victory. Kälin, second after the first run, finished 1.83sec off the pace and Tom Stiansen, of Norway, was third.

Ebdon advances

Snooker: Peter Ebdon joined Steve Davis in the semi-finals of the Guangzhou Masters in China yesterday. Ebdon defeated a home player, Yao Tan, 5-3 after being held to 2-2 and Davis progressed with a 5-1 victory over He Ching Yi. He will now meet Guo Hua, the first-round conqueror of David Roe, for a place in the final tomorrow.

Sevens conflict

Rugby: While rugby union in England remains at odds over professionalism, the Rugby Football League (RFL) sees conflict with an invitation to the Middlesex Sevens on May 11. Instead of nominating a representative, the RFL yesterday asked the Rugby Football Union for clarification of its position.

Syed suffers

Table tennis: Matthew Syed, who narrowly failed to win an Olympic place at the qualifying event in Manchester last weekend, has pulled out of the England team for the European Nations' Cup in Germany on Friday because he is "emotionally exhausted" and has flu. Jonathan Taylor, the England No 8, deputises.

Potts dies

Football: Harry Potts, who spent 13 years as a player with Burnley and then brought the league title to Turf Moor in 1959-60, in the first of two spells as manager, died yesterday, aged 75.

Checking out

Cricket: Simon Kellett, 28, the former Yorkshire batsman, has turned down the chance to sign for Sussex and joined the Costcutter supermarket chain instead.

Sri Lanka snatch place in World Series Cup finals

By Our Sports Staff

AT FIRST glance, Sri Lanka might have been mistaken for makeweights in the World Series Cup. Australia and West Indies are traditionally among the powerhouses of cricket, Sri Lanka among the minnows, but, yesterday, the underdogs threw tradition unceremoniously out of the window. A thrilling three-wicket victory over Australia in Melbourne earned the Sri Lankans a place in the finals, where they will again meet the host country, while West Indies kick their heels.

Romesh Kaluwitharana, the wicketkeeper and opening batsman, was their match-winner, racing to the third-fastest half-century in the competition's 16-year history as Sri Lanka set out in pursuit of Australia's 242 for four. Thriving in his new role after being promoted from the middle order in the latter stages of the triangular competition, Kaluwitharana set up the victory by hitting 74 from 69 balls. His team finally reached their victory total of 246 for seven with only three balls remaining, Kumar Dharmasena, the off spinner, edging a ball from Glenn McGrath to the boundary.

TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts
Australia	8	5	3	10
Sri Lanka	8	4	4	8
West Indies	8	3	5	6

FINAL SERIES: Jan 18 Melbourne. Jan 20 Sydney. Jan 22 Sydney (if needed)

Kaluwitharana went on the offensive from the first over, reaching his 50 in 32 balls, including seven fours, with a succession of drives and pulls. His efforts completely overshadowed the first century in a limited-overs international by Steve Waugh, the Australia all-rounder, earlier in the game. Waugh, whose previous highest score in 186 one-day internationals was 86, scored 102 not out off just 116 balls.

The Sri Lankans had Australia in early trouble at 54 for three in the seventeenth over before Waugh rescued the innings. He joined forces with Stuart Law (47) for a 102-run stand for the fourth wicket and then combined for an unbroken 86-run partnership with Michael Bevan.

AUSTRALIA

M E Waugh c Mahanama b Vaas	6
*M A Taylor c Kaluwitharana b Wickremasinghe	32
R T Ponting c Kaluwitharana b Wickremasinghe	5
S R Waugh not out	102
S Law c Ranatunga b Pushpakumara	47
M G Bevan not out	43
Extras (lb 3, nb 2, w 2)	7
Total (4 wkts, 50 overs)	242

†I A Healy, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, C J McDermott, G D McGrath

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-38, 3-54, 4-156

BOWLING: Vaas 10-2-43-1, Pushpakumara 10-0-47-1, Wickremasinghe 8-0-33-2, Dharmasena 8-0-42-0, de Silva 6-0-30-0, Jayasuriya 8-0-44-0

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya c Healy b McGrath	3
†R S Kaluwitharana c M E Waugh b Warne	74
A P Gurusinha c Healy b Reiffel	17
H P Tillekeratne c Healy b Warne	0
P A de Silva lbw b Bevan	45
R S Mahanama b Warne	31
*A Ranatunga run out	18
H D P K Dharmasena not out	24
W P U J C Vaas not out	13
Extras (lb 18, w 2, b 1)	21
Total (7 wkts, 49.4 overs)	246

G P Wickremasinghe and K R Pushpakumara did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-96, 3-107, 4-108, 5-180, 6-196, 7-222

BOWLING: McDermott 10-3-27-0, McGrath 9.4-0-76-1, Reiffel 10-1-36-1, Warne 10-0-40-3, Law 6-0-28-0, M E Waugh 2-0-11-0, Bevan 2-0-9-1

Nicol banishes critics with unique victory

By Colin McQuillan

THE victory by Peter Nicol, of Scotland, in the QM British squash championship will go a long way towards diluting criticism that followed his refusal to play for his country in the world team championship in November, or to contest the Scottish championship in Edinburgh last month.

Never before has the British national title crossed the border and everyone involved in Scottish squash will recognise that Nicol, a sternly independent 22-year-old from Inverurie, near Aberdeen, has, in breaking that pattern, established a domestic emphasis for his claim to be the best player in Europe and probably the closest to catching Jansher Khan, the world champion. Clearly, he is the best judge of when to apply his talents.

Mark Chaloner, Nicol's victim in the final on Monday, was chasing a victory to place alongside the world team title that he helped to secure in company with other young England players beginning to become a force in the global game.

The Lincoln player trains at the Herts Country Club in company with Linda Charman, of Sussex, who lost the women's final 9-4, 7-9, 9-4, 9-1 to Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, and both players represent the cutting edge of science-based training on which the Squash Rackets Association plans to base a sustained surge in the English game.

At the crucial stages in Birmingham, however, Horner proved too strong athletically for Charman and Chaloner began to show the strain of his gruelling 94-minute semi-final victory against Del Harris, the England No 1. In the face of a quality of early-ball volleying by Nicol rarely seen since Geoff Williams won the title in 1984, his cause was lost.

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Moore clear to play in cup quarter-final

By Nicholas Harling

MANCHESTER Giants were happy to learn yesterday that Joel Moore, the England international backetball guard whom they signed from London Towers last week, is eligible for the National Cup quarter-final tonight against Sheffield Sharks, the holders.

Moore, 31, who had not appeared for Towers since he hurt a knee in October, had nevertheless continued to sit on the bench, but, as he did not figure on the scoresheet when the Towers entered the competition for the first time at Derby last month, he is not cup-tied and can represent his new club at Ponds Forge, where they hope to avenge their recent defeat in the 7-Up Trophy.

Moore, his form unaffected by his lengthy absence, celebrated his debut for the Manchester club with 15 points in the Budweiser League win over Doncaster Panthers on Sunday. "We were really happy with him," Mike Hanks, their coach, said. "He is going to be a good acquisition for us."

The other cup quarter-final tonight, between Thames Valley Tigers and London Towers, is also a repeat of the 7-Up Trophy meeting between the clubs at the same stage. Towers, who went on to win the conmpetition, should take a step towards another final.

There was a double success for Sheffield yesterday when the England player-of-the-year awards were announced. Roy Huggins, of the Sharks, received the men's award while the women's went to Chris Castle, of Sheffield Hatters.

Huggins, an England international, is recognised for his part in the Sheffield club's league and cup double last season. Castle has been the leading player in the women's game for most of the 1990s.

1995 QUIZ OF THE SPORTING YEAR

JAMES SCHUMACHER, of Caterham, Surrey, is the winner of *The Times* Quiz of the Sporting Year and his prize is The Classic Malts, a selection of six fine whiskies. Mr Schumacher's was the first correct entry drawn from those received by the closing date; six runners-up have won copies of *Best 7*, a celebration of the best sports photography from last year.

RUNNERS-UP: Mrs L Bhola, Whitstable, Kent; Mr C Bettison, Macclesfield, Cheshire; Alan Youngman, Sutton, Surrey; Michael Jones, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex; Bill Phillips, Jermyn Street, London, SW1; Mike Harlan, Carshalton, Surrey

ANSWERS: 1. Darren Gough, 2. Keith Gillespie, 3. Mary Pierce, 4. Millwall, 5. Crystal Palace 1 Manchester United 1, 6. San Francisco 49ers, 7. Mike Gatting; 8. Sir Stanley Matthews, 9. Wales; 10. 1934, 1935, 1936, 11. Dennis Wise of Chelsea, 12. Netball, 13. Greg Rusedski, 14. 200 metres; 15. Michael Jordan; 16. Riddick Bowe, 17. Modern pentathlon; 18. Manchester United 9 Ipswich Town 0; 19. The world figure-skating championships in Birmingham, 20. Bermuda (the winner was Brian Wellman), 21. Michael Schumacher and David Coulthard; 22. Wisden; 23. Bolton Wanderers, Steve McManaman scored both Liverpool's goals; 24. Franz Stampfl; 25. The All England Women's Hockey Association, 26. Paul Merson; 27. Adrian Maguire, 28. Joe Montana, 29. 57; 30. Mike Tyson, 31. Nayim, 32. The Riverside Ground, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, 33. Australia, 34. Ted Drake, 35. Jurgen Klinsmann, 36. Western Samoa, 37. Ethiopian (Haile Gebresilasie), 38. Four; 39. Internazionale of Milan, 40. Seven; 41. Robert Millar; 42. Chris Boardman, 43. Pete Sampras, 44. Michael Schumacher accused Damon Hill, 45. Socrates, 46. Johnny Herbert, 47. Aravinda de Silva, 48. Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx and Bernard Hinault, 49. Costantino Rocca of Italy, 50. John Fashanu; 51. Canadian (Donovan Bailey), 52. Twice; 53. Gwen Torrence, 54. Nick Knight, 55. Peter Haining of Great Britain, 56. Oliver McCall, on points, 57. Bowls, 58. Rene Higuita of Colombia, 59. Sir Roger Bannister, 60. Mark Ramprakash of Middlesex, who were second in the table, 61. Steve Robinson; 62. William Fox-Pitt; 63. Colin Montgomerie, Sam Torrance and Alan Coltart. Scotland beat Zimbabwe in the final, 64. Russia, 65. Steve Elkington, 66. Steffi Graf, 67. Wales in the semi-final, Australia in the final, 68. Brondby of Denmark, 69. Brian Moore, 70. Cardiff, 71. Paul Adams, 72. Taunton, 73. Wes Hall, 74. Tessa Sanderson; 75. David Sole, 76. Sarah Hardcastle; 77. 185, 78. Borussia Dortmund, 79. France, 80. Scotland, Holland and Switzerland, a. Jason Tilley on Royal Athlete, b. Jeff Tarango is the player and John McEnroe criticised him, c. Cal Ripken Jr.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This is a hand sent to me by Martin Hoffman, one of the best analysts in the game. It occurred in a team match in Miami. It illustrates the importance of making the most of your chances.

Dealer South **Love all** **IMP's**

♠ K J 3
♥ J 10 8 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ J 10 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K 9 4
♦ K Q J 4
♣ Q 9 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 5 2
♥ Q 7 6 5
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 7 5 4

♠ A Q 10 9 7 6
♥ A 3
♦ 7 3
♣ A K 2

S	W	N	E
1S	Pass	2S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by South **Lead: king of diamonds**

In the closed room, declarer ruffed the third diamond, cashed the ace of clubs and drew trumps, finishing in dummy. He then ran the jack of clubs. When that lost, the contract was defeated. In the replay, the contract and lead were the same, but declarer gave himself an extra chance. After ruffing the third diamond, he led ace and another heart. The second heart was won by East with the queen and he returned a club. Declarer won, entered dummy with the jack of spades and ruffed a heart. When the king came down, the club finesse was not needed.

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ZOWIE
a. An exclamation of astonishment
b. A baby chameleon
c. "Certainly" in Crypton

WAP
a. A type of popular music
b. To copulate
c. A good slap

SLATHER
a. A large amount
b. A drunken stupor
c. A bubbly romp

TANNA
a. A solarium assistant
b. An unreasonable philosopher
c. A Jewish lawyer

Answers on page 42

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Caro crushed

For decades, the Caro-Kann Defence enjoyed a reputation for immense solidity. Players with the Black pieces using this defence rarely lost, but also had few opportunities to win.

This judgment has been transformed by the recent introduction of the line with 3 e5, cramping Black's position.

Formerly, for example when Mikhail Tal resurrected this line in 1961, White's chances seemed bleak, but Nigel Short has demonstrated repeatedly that White can gain excellent attacking prospects with 3 e5.

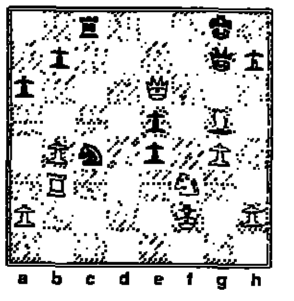
The game today shows this variation in action, with even Anatoly Karpov, the Fide world champion, unable to withstand White's onslaught.

White: Veselin Topalov
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Varna, December 1995

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	Bf5
4	Nf3	e6
5	Be2	Ne7
6	0-0	Nd7
7	Nh4	a6
8	Nd2	c5
9	c3	Rc8
10	Nxf5	Nxf5
11	Nf3	cxd4
12	cxd4	Qb6
13	Rb1	Be7
14	b4	0-0
15	Qa4	Qc7
16	Bd3	Nb6
17	Qd1	g6
18	Rb3	Na4
19	g4	Ng7
20	Qd2	f5
21	exf6	Bxf6
22	Qh6	Ne8
23	Ng5	Qe7
24	Be3	Nb6
25	Re1	Nc4
26	Bf4	Bxd4
27	Bxg6	Nf6
28	Bf5	e5
29	Nf3	Bxf2+
30	Kxf2	Ne4+
31	Rxe4	dxe4
32	Bg5	Qg7
33	Bxc8	Rxc8
34	Qe6+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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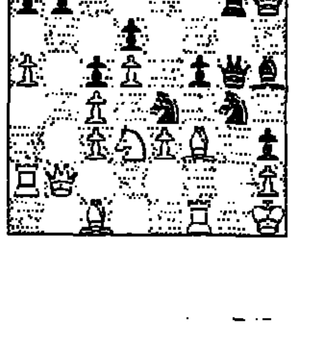
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to move. This position is a variation from the game Speelman — Agdestein, Hastings Premier, 1991. Jon Speelman, realising what was in store for him here, had already resigned this position. How would Black finish off?

Solution on page 42



Tour Lions may have roared their last

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IT WILL be known whether overseas tours, those perennial and much-loved favourites of international rugby, have a future in the open game, after the International Football Board (IRFB) holds its annual council meeting in London next week.

So much of the game's history is wrapped up in the deeds of the British Isles — the Lions — in the southern hemisphere, of the legendary meetings between All Black and Springbok, even French exploits in New Zealand two years ago. This summer, tours explode all over the world, with Wales and Scotland in Australasia, New Zealand in South Africa, Canada in Australia, South Africa in Argentina.

Next year the Lions are scheduled to visit South Africa, who have pledged support, but for how much longer at a time when Will Carling, the England captain, for one, has said he will not tour again? "I believe there will be two points of view expressed next week," Keith Rowlands, who retires next month as the IRFB chief executive, said yesterday.

"In our new professional game some will say there is little time for tours and it would be better to play single internationals, then return home. That would be attractive for the professional administrator. The historic administrator would say tours are a fundamental part of the game and are good for it."

The IRFB schedule of tours goes up to 1999, but contracts will tie players to the arrangements of their country or club more tightly than during the golden era of touring.

"The management of international matches must be done on an equitable basis," Rowlands said. "Whether the Lions survive will be up to the committee of home unions." Clearly, tours by international teams are an effective way of promoting the game and raising funds, particularly in countries whose resources are limited.

The leading southern hemisphere countries may make a judgment on their value after this summer which marries the new tripartite tournament between Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, with the previously-arranged All Blacks tour to South Africa, and has created an unrelenting schedule of international rugby on 11 successive weekends — great television, exhausting for the players.

The IRFB council will also vote on a proposal from New Zealand — one of 37 suggested amendments to the laws now that the moratorium on change has been lifted — that all eight forwards remain bound until the ball has left the scrum. This is the case in under-19 rugby, but administrators are concerned at how frequently forwards appear in the middle of the field, stifling the flow of the ball through the back line.

In part, this is a response to their own laws relating to ruck and maul, introduced four years ago. "That would make an enormous and fundamental change to the playing of the game," Rowlands said. "It would make the game more open and take away the midfield clutter." But he confirmed the board's commitment to historic features of the game, such as lineout and scrum, at a time when some suggest that a hybrid game merging rugby league and rugby union is the way forward.

Rowlands also poured scorn on suggestions that England would be forced to leave the IRFB if member clubs, in rebellious mood last Sunday, insist at a special general meeting that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) should administer an amateur game only.

"It's an open game and unions have the option of paying their players or not," he said. "There are 71 countries in membership, of whom only 12 or 14 can afford to pay players. If the RFU decided to remain amateur it would not affect their membership."

Clamour for change sees open season on coaches

David Hands on the temptation to throw caution to the wind for the management of five nations

There is a remarkable similarity in the siren song of the swath of new coaches whose teams enter the 1996 five nations' championship on Saturday. Perhaps not so remarkable given the all-pervasive influence of the New Zealand team which came second in the World Cup last summer.

That is the way to play rugby, runs the coaching chorus. It satisfies the player, the spectator and, significantly, the television audience, not all of whom can be expected to be entirely *au fait* with rugby union's sometimes arcane laws.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

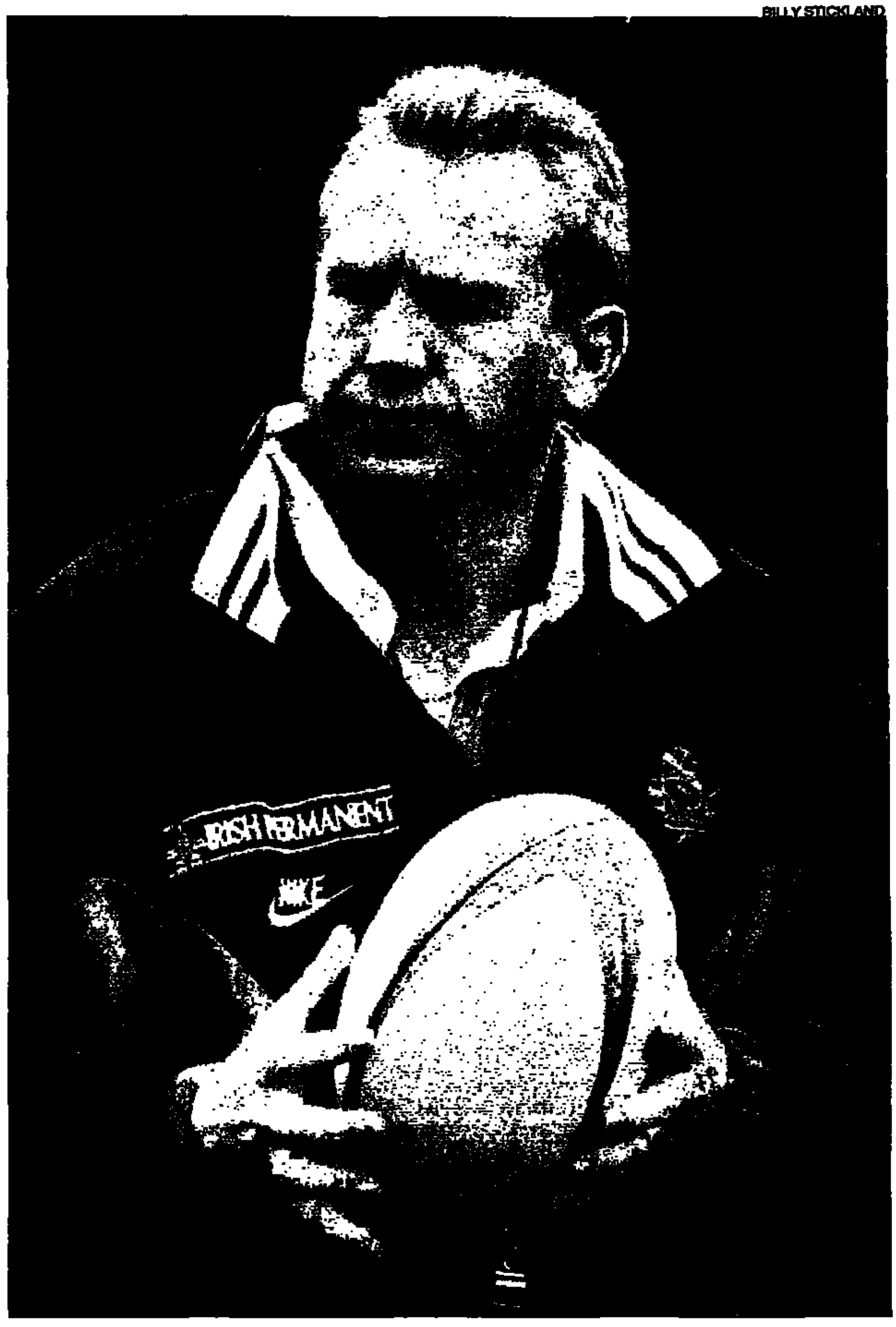
First, consider two points: variety being the spice of life, do we want every leading team in the world playing like each other? Second, the New Zealand game incorporates individuals whose basic skills are probably greater than any other rugby-playing nation and yet it took them three years — and the discovery of the unique talents of Jonah Lomu — to establish the ingredients that made their play so universally admired.

British and Irish coaches cannot instil such skills at national squad training; they have to be ingrained among well-coached youth players long before they break through to representative rugby. Yet it is a focal point, so long as each nation can still retain some national trademark by which their rugby can be identified. By all means aim for the integrated style but let us not all pretend to be English or Irish All Blacks.

For Ireland, that may not be easy since their coach and his assistant are both New Zealanders. Yet Murray Kidd has lived and worked for five years in Ireland; he has come to admire the passion with which his adopted country play the game, "but there must be more organisation. Irish spirit will only take them so far".

Kidd's primary concern is the quality of decision-making in Ireland; he might as well speak for every home union, though not France. There the problem remains one of temperament — not, it should be emphasised, discipline — and who would seek to restrain the Gallic approach which can provide tries such as that in Auckland in 1994, or Twickenham of 1991?

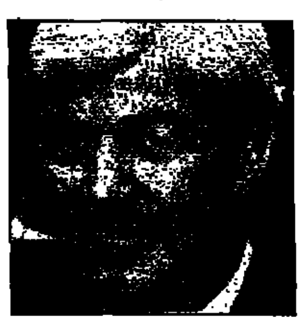
BILLY STICKLAND



The quality of decision-making is the concern of Kidd, Ireland's New Zealand-born coach

Johnston: warning

Rowell: expectation



Bowring: seeks continuity

Skrela: 15-man game

Jean-Claude Skrela, a devotee of the 15-man game played at Toulouse, acknowledges the flair but seeks to apply the organisation that will foster it. That, he said, will require the perspiration which is said to precede inspiration.

Little more than a month ago, Kevin Bowring was confirmed as Wales's first professional coach and his task is the hardest, the tradition of the game in Wales being so great. Yet he can attend club games and see young players who have not had the confidence knocked out of them; he can remember that Neil Jenkins, still only 24, is one of the world's leading points-scorers and a player of poise and profit for Pontypridd who has yet to prove a significant international influence.

"We must have speed and we must have continuity in our game and sometimes there are too many ball-carriers and not enough ball-movers," Bowring said. David Johnston would echo the sentiments: injury prevented Johnston from joining the pantheon of great Scottish centres but now, as assistant to Richie Dixon, he hopes to shake the conservatism from Scotland's game.

"If we rely on positional play, through rucking and kicking, we will be left behind. We do not play enough high-profile rugby which means we tend to be inhibited on the big occasion," he said.

Kidd and Johnston now occupy the same stage as the England coaching duo of Jack Rowell and Les Cusworth who, because they have been together for all of 22 months, are acquiring a comparatively hoary look.

If Bowring's problem is one of ancient tradition, England's is one of recent success. There is a palpable air of expectation at a time of change greater than any over the past eight years. English supporters have grown used to grand slams, albeit acquired in a certain pedestrian style; Rowell seeks to change that against a backdrop of underachievement in the club game and now political unrest.

The one area on which every coach is agreed is that change will not happen overnight. Yet they have only to look at football to see how little patience exists for professional failure. "We can't run before we can walk, and we might get one or two bloody noses on the way," Johnston said. The bloody noses will be those of coaches as well as players in the demanding era of open rugby.

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Lewis's bout with Bowe put under threat

Lewis: lines up stand-in

LENNOX LEWIS'S non-title bout with Riddick Bowe on April 20 in Las Vegas was in doubt yesterday (Srikumar Sen writes). A contractual dispute between Bowe and Time-Warner has held up talks between the two camps. Bowe and Time-Warner have only ten days in which to settle the dispute as pay-per-view companies need three months to make arrangements for a bout.

Bowe wants to be free of his contract with Time-Warner to box Mike Tyson who has signed with Showtime, a bitter rival of the entertainment giant.

Lewis's manager is looking for another opponent in case the bout with Bowe falls through. The substitute contest could be held in South Africa, Las Vegas or Atlantic City.

Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, said: "Rock Newman [Bowe's manager] is trying to get out of the contract because he wants to fight Tyson. Unless they resolve the differences Bowe cannot fight Lennox. We are making arrangements for Lennox to fight on April 20 against another fighter if Bowe is not available."

Lewis is also continuing with his case against the World Boxing Council (WBC) to stop Frank Bruno defending his WBC title against Mike Tyson before Lewis. A decision is expected in the next couple of days. Eliades said that the WBC had been trying to settle out of court, but Lewis was not prepared to surrender his right to meet Bruno first. "We want that fight. We have a right to that fight," Eliades said.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *41*

ZOWIE
(a) An exclamation of astonishment.

WAP
(b) To copulate. (Slang.) In 1611, Middleton and Decker in *Roaring Girl*, indulge wishful thinking and saucily beg us to "couch a hogshead under the Ruffemans, and there you shall wap with me."

SLATHER
(a) A large amount, lots, lashings. E. Lindall, in *Time too Soon*, shoddily disguises his jealousy with prurience: "What he's giving her I don't want anyway. A whole slather of animal passion."

TANNA
(c) One of the Jewish doctors of the law of the first two centuries AD.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, . . . Ngf2+!; 2. Nxf2 Qg1+! forces mate.

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SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Lech	40	80	good	fair	worn	sun	0	8/1
	(Still good skiing at altitude; 31 of 34 lifts open)							
Obergurgl	50	100	fair	varied	good	fine	-1	8/1
	(Good piste grooming maintaining snow cover)							
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	70	220	good	varied	good	fine	1	12/1
	(Good skiing above 1,700 metres; 73 of 82 lifts open)							
Les Arcs	40	195	good	varied	fair	fine	3	7/1
	(Best above 2,000 metres, hard/icy low down; 69 of 77 lifts open)							
Megève	5	80	fair	varied	worn	sun	4	7/1
	(Few good runs, lower slopes poor; 29 of 41 lifts open)							
La Tania	50	65	icy	varied	closed	fine	2	7/1
	(Good skiing in places but many runs worn/icy)							
ITALY								
Cervinia	120	280	good	varied	open	sun	-2	12/1
	(All 25 lifts open; excellent piste skiing continues)							
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	30	50	good	varied	icy	fine	-1	8/1
	(All 16 lifts open; upper slopes still good)							
Grindelwald	0	40	worn	crust	closed	fine	-2	7/1
	(Majority of pistes now showing signs of wear)							
Wengen	5	35	good	poor	worn	sun	3	7/1
	(Reasonable high up, wearing low down; 20 of 23 lifts open)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper.

RADIO CHOICE

Night of the round table

Times Past, Times Future. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

It must be some kind of compliment to *The Times*. To find the best title for this round-table discussion between three former Home Secretaries and a former police chief, they looked no further than the venerable leader page device that freezes time at 4.30pm. This chinwag is more to do with times past than times future, although you could say that yesterday's lessons contain the seeds of today's decisions. The former Home Office incumbents are Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Merlyn Rees, Kenneth Baker and John Alderson. Their memories are jogged by Jeremy Paxman. Given his track record for confrontational interviewing, he is unusually restrained. Perhaps he was fearful of being dragged off by the boys in blue?

No Job Too Small. *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*

The items that Stuart Maconie subjects to close scrutiny magnificently conform to his classification of them as quintessentially non-essential. Is it true that more people are kicked to death by donkeys than die in air accidents? When politicians insult each other by saying that they could not run a whelk stall, are they being unfair to seafood purveyors? Did Margaret Thatcher really say that happiness is a ticked-off list? Does the pocket have any sociological or sexual significance? Does the dressing gown serve any useful purpose? For the answers, Maconie depends heavily on a nice-sounding young lady from *Reader's Digest*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat and at **1.15** the Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat, **6.15** the Net **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Radio Tip Top **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Wendy Lloyd, incl at **12.15am** The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Peggy Seeger (2/5) **8.30** Rock Island Line. The history of skiffle **9.00** Hearts and Hands and Voices (3/5) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl **10.35** Euronews **11.30** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **6.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. FA Cup third round replays **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** The Scott Inquiry **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Discovery **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **8.45** How to Listen **9.00** News in German **9.15** World of Music **9.45** Sport **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Composer of the Month **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.00** News in German **3.15** The Greenfield Collection **4.00** News **4.15** World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Sport **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News Summary **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack: X-Press **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Ports of Call **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10** Pop Short **11.15** Sport **11.45** From Our Own Correspondent **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** How to Listen **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** News **1.10** Press **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** The Planets **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Graham Dene **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Mark Forrest **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Vivaldi (Lute Concerto in D); Strauss (Ein Heldenleben); Beethoven (Overture The Consecration of the House); Bax (The Tale the Pine Trees Knew); Godowsky (7 Studies after Chopin's Op 10 No 5); Puccini (Tua Madre! La Rondine)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Strauss (Prelude: Capriccio); Scarlatti (Sonata in E); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 5: London Philharmonic)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Rameau (Troisième concert, Pièces de clavecin en conerts); Tippett (Festal Brass with Blues); Bach (Cantata No 106: Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit); Beethoven (Leonare Overture No 2); **11.18** *Artist of the Week*: Sandor Vegh, conductor. Mozart (Divertimento in B flat)

12.00 Composers of the Week: Villa-Lobos and Ginastera. Villa-Lobos (Magnificat alleluia); Ginastera (Twelve American Preludes; Bomarzo, excerpt); Villa-Lobos (Rudepoema)

1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Mary King, mezzo; Andrew Ball, piano. Including songs by Warlock, Schumann, Britten, Elgar, Schoenberg, Poulenc and Ravel

2.00 Schools. Together **2.20** Time and Tune **2.40** Drama Workshop

3.00 Midweek Choice. Handel (Organ Concerto in F, Cuckoo and the Nightingale); Shostakovich (Scherzo in E flat); Mozart (Serenade in D, Serenata notturna)

4.00 Choral Evensong, from Southwell Minster

5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson reviews the pop scene in Russia

5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen

7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Simon Wright. Weber (Overture: Der Freischütz); Parry (Invocation to Music); Mendelsson (Die Erste Walpurgisnacht)

9.20 Metamorphoses (Metamorphosed). Fred D'Aguiar reinterprets *Pyramus and Thisbe*; Robin Robertson recreates *The Flaying of Marsyas*

9.30 Pisendel at the Court of Dresden. Nicholas Anderson presents a programme featuring music by Johann Georg Pisendel and his contemporaries, performed by Collegium Musicum 90 under Simon Standage. Viviadi (Sinfonia in F for strings); Albinoni (Concerto a 5 in A, Op 9 No 4); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in G minor); Pisendel (Violin Concerto in G); Valentini (Concerto in A, Op 9 No 9); Vivaldi (Sinfonia in F for strings); Pisendel (Concerto in D) (2/3)

10.30 Keystrokes. Mist. Including works by Debussy, Janácek and Griffes (4/6)

10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter examines the new television series, *Our Friends in the North* and John Hockenberry talks about his new book, *Declarations of Independence*

11.30-12.30am Voices. Spotlight on Felicity Lott

1.00-1.40 Night School Verseplay **1.24** Infant History

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek

10.00-10.30 News; A Good Read (FM only). Susan Hill and guests Heather Couper and Colin Blakemore discuss three favourite paperbacks

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: Michael Maloney reads Kate Senton's *Lions and Liquorice* (12/12)

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time. Pippa Greenwood, Nigel Colborn and Geoffrey Smith answer questions from the students and staff of Newton Rigg College in Cumbria (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Babblewick Hall. An 18th-century sit-com written by Scott Cherry, starring Nicholas Le Prevost as Fenton Babblewick. With a general election on the horizon, Fenton has the chance to represent his constituents in Parliament, as Babblewicks have been doing for centuries. Only the rakish Thomas Berridge stands between Fenton and a glamorous career in politics (4/6) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Monkey House. A serial by Ted Moore (2/3)

2.45 Letters from Here and There. Monte Carlo. Douglas Young discovers that in the Principality of Monaco only one thing is more important than money — a parking space (3/6)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini sees Michelle Pfeiffer's new film *Dangerous Minds*

4.45 Short Story. Patience, by Diana Morgan. Read by Sheila Mitchell

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 No Job Too Small (r). See Choice

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Face the Facts, with John Waite

7.45 Times Past, Times Future. See Choice

8.30 Still Lives (1/4) (r)

9.00 Flashpoints (3/4)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Owen Bennett Jones

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Love in the Time of Cholera. Robert Powell reads Gabriel Garcia Marquez's novel, abridged by Polly Coles (3/15)

11.00 On Baby Street. Comedy-drama series (2/5)

11.30 Paris London (FM only). Last in the series (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00 News incl **12.27am Weather**

12.30 The Late Book: Maybe the Moon. Shelley Thompson reads Armistead Maupin's story (8/10)

12.45 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Open house and, apparently, open season

Lynne Truss

Writing is turning your worst moments into money, J.P. Donleavy once said. Modern documentary-making is similar but with this difference: the worst moments have to be somebody else's. In BBC2's **The House** last night (the first of six parts), Andrew from the Covent Garden box office was verbally flayed by his ruthless bosses behind closed doors ("not intelligent enough, frankly") and an envelope containing peanuts was metaphorically prepared before our astonished eyes. In Channel 4's single documentary *The Decision*, two women with the same agonising choice between tumour removal and abortion ("My baby or my life?") allowed themselves to be filmed choosing the lesser of two evils. And as for the final part of *The Gulf War* (BBC1) — well, there aren't many moments worse than being incinerated alive in a lorry on the road to Basra.

The House is narrated by Jancis Robinson — a stylish and surprising choice, quite perfectly pitched for the intelligence and wit of the film-making. Jancis Robinson gets on with it, and so did *The House*, which eschewed any cute, formal introductory notions and got stuck in pronto. Within minutes the viewer was outraged on behalf of Andrew in the box office, had formed a lasting aversion to Keith Cooper (rottweiler, designer-suit management type, easily rattled into swearing) and was jiggling in anguish on the sofa because Carmen (Denyce Graves) had strained her vocal cords, and needed to be replaced within 24 hours.

In fact, as the hand-held camera doggedly tracked the demoralised, costumed Graves backstage through swing-doors, distemper and lino, one half expected to see a target in the middle of the lens, indicating a heat-seeker nosecone. In the course of this eventful, stressful hour, Covent Garden shut down its shop without notice ("Nobody told us," said the manager, his eyes swimming) and Carmen was stabbed umpteen times, thus forging a rather neat parallel between blood-letting on-stage and off. It was a terrific entertainment, and the music was rather good too.

A complete stranger saved the day: a French singer named Damonte ("All I know is she sounds like a tin of fruit"). This awesomely phlegmatic woman flew in, did Carmen's opening night, got stabbed, fell on the floor, and flew off again. And not many thanks, considering.

When the opera company manager of Covent Garden quipped about Miss Damonte's name, she probably had no idea how ungrateful it would appear on screen. But this is the risk of letting the cameras in. Keith Cooper got into a childish temper when irritated by a ringing phone — in the end, he tossed the receiver on the floor — little guessing that at home, the viewer would be shouting "Ho Ho, You Absolute Pillock" and hugging the cushions. Asked on Radio 4's *Start the Week* why he had allowed Michael Waldman to film, Jeremy Isaacs said lots of convincing things about accountability. But I wonder whether he was also just fascinated to see what the place looked like from the outside.

Normally I feel guilty about disliking real people on screen — they have suffered enough without having a stranger pass judgment on their personality. But last night was liberating in that regard. First there was the Absolute Pillock; and then, in **The Decision** (Channel 4) appeared a woman so stupid I wanted to pummel her head against a wall. Her name was Kim and she really has suffered enough — cancer, premature baby, desertion — without me calling her a pea-brain. But that's how she appeared, frankly. Whenever her surgeon talked options, Kim's main consideration seemed to be the shape of scar he would inflict.

Surgeons are obliged these days to respect the wishes of their patients and they must be saints, that's all. Kim decided to keep the baby, even though it was conceived after her cancer was diagnosed. She also announced at the eleventh hour that she was a Jehovah's Witness and would not accept a blood transfusion. As the surgeon rapidly revised his plans (to protect her life), she was thrilled. Tee hee, she wouldn't get the nasty scar after all.

The appearances of Baroness Thatcher in the four-part **The Gulf War** (BBC1) have been much like her interventions in current political life. "Oh not now, Margaret," pleads the viewer, as those defiantly pragmatic Americans (Powell, Schwarzkopf, Baker) admit to the compromises they willingly made. But she is ready with her opinion, and will not be stopped. "I'd have argued very differently, and *very firmly*," she says, pointing her left eye weirdly at the camera. "Saddam should have been made to surrender his equipment, the lot."

Last night's final instalment concerned the mess left behind in Iraq by the unexpected ceasefire in 1991. Bush called for a popular uprising against Saddam, and then played golf while the rebels were shot — a policy contradiction which perhaps required a deeper examination of American attitudes to oil and Islam. But *The Gulf War* was otherwise excellently researched, with astonishing access to good pictures and people in high places. And on top of that, every so often the Voice of Doom spoke out from the inglenook, like an ancient retainer in Dickens, and sent shivers up the collective spine.

"The aggressor is still in power," she said, pointedly. "Yet the President of the United States is no longer in power; the Prime Minister of Britain is no longer in power." She smiled to make her point (which was obviously lost on those who think Western democracy works like that). She grimaced horribly. "I wonder who won?"

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (65479)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (29839456)

9.10 Kilroy. Topical discussion (s) (2975017)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4499683) **10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (s) (6112104)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (18388)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6258185) **12.05pm Pebble Mill.** The guests are Mike Reid and Pam St Clement from the cast of *EastEnders* (s) (9489291) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (13191746)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (33307)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (64253272) **1.50 Hawkeye.** Red Indian adventure series starring Lee Horsley and Lynda Carter (s) (1328746) **2.35 Holiday** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4414949)

3.05 Timekeepers. Quiz (s) (5613901)

3.30 Moomin (1917272) **3.50 Bitsa** (s) (1937036) **4.10 Rugrats** (r) (s) (3413479) **4.35 Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars**. (Ceefax) (s) (9977901)

5.00 Newsround. (Ceefax) (4342123) **5.10 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (7593814)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (361746)

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (901)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (253)

7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel emotionally mugs another unsuspecting worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (9758)

7.30 May to December. Age-gap romantic comedy series starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Ceefax) (s) (765)

8.00 Paul Daniels's Secrets. The guests include the comedy magicians the Simmons Brothers; Australian comic tumblers Price and McCoy; and Fukai, the Japanese magician who fills the stage with umbrellas. (Ceefax) (s) (669920)

8.50 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (783982)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Weather (2291)

9.30 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates. The third of the six-part drama series starring Patricia Routledge as a Lancashire housewife-turned-detective. (Ceefax) (s) (243036)

10.20 Sportsnight presented by Desmond Lynam with Alan Hansen and Gary Lineker. Includes highlights of tonight's FA Cup third round replays and a preview of the five nations' championship which begins on Saturday when England play France in Paris and Scotland meet Ireland in Dublin (s) (885104)

12.05am FILM: Necessary Roughness (1991) starring Scott Bakula, Harley Jane Kozak, Robert Loggia and Hector Elizondo. American college football comedy. After sacking their entire team, Texas State University hire a new coach to assemble a new squad. The disparate players include a retired high school star, a military fanatic, a physics teacher and, as the place kicker, an attractive female. Directed by Stan Dragoti (756012)

1.50am Weather (2190079)

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BBC2

6.00am Business and Work: Sid's Heroes: Videoprint (21659) **6.30** Sid's Heroes: Chester Hospital (93291)

7.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (6202291)

7.15 Lassie (r) (3333369) **7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (7480524) **8.05 Run the Risk** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5433340)

8.35 The Record. Yesterday in Parliament (s) (9624475) **9.00 Holiday Outings**. Tuckenhay Mill, Dartmoor (r) (6574185)

9.05 Daytime on Two: The Art (6205104) **9.25** English Express (6285340) **9.45** Words and Pictures (3366727) **10.00** Playdays (6111475) **10.25** Numbertime (7379659) **10.45** Cats' Eyes (1992185) **11.00** Around Scotland (8528497) **11.20** Music Makers (8672185) **11.40** Moving to English (5359340) **12.00** TV6 (98659) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (19630) **1.00** Geography Programme (59415320) **1.20** Zig Zag (69310776) **1.40** Come Outside (64275494)

2.00 Wishing (r) (s) (86672611)

2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5657524)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather; **Westminster with Nick Ross**. (Cefax) (s) (7387388) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (5336611)

4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (494)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (678)

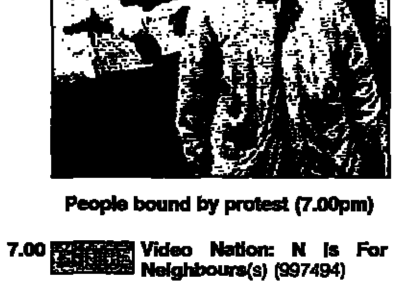
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Dating difficulties for single parents. (Ceefax) (s) (7935388)

5.40 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from this week in 1956 (801949)

5.50 A Different Country Practice. (770122)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (768524)

6.45 The O Zone. Pop music (s) (394307)



People bound by protest (7.00pm)

7.00 Video Nation: N Is For Neighbours(s) (997494)

7.50 Top Gear Take 2. Quentin Willson in praise of the AC Cobra (s) (948562)

8.00 University Challenge. Lady Cavendish College, Cambridge, against South Bank University. (Ceefax) (s) (7388)

8.30 Delia Smith's Winter Collection. Pancakes (sweet and savoury, plain and fancy) and marmalade. (Ceefax) (s) (9123)

9.00 Yes, Minister. Classic comedy with the late Paul Eddington (r). (Ceefax) (2843)

9.30 Under the Sun: The Witching Tree. (Ceefax) (s) (241678)

10.20 What the Papers Say (s) (492712)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (616388)

11.15 The Big Idea (s) (579104)

11.45 Weather (263727)

11.50 The Midnight Hour (s) (838833)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Hollywood Men: Vanity and Vulgarity

ITV, 9.00pm

There may be males in Tinseltown who lead contented, well-adjusted lives but they do not figure in this series, the latest offering from the team responsible for *Hollywood Women* and *Hollywood Children*. To the men featured here what matters is their bodies. You might think that the ones with rippling muscles would be all right. As the film demonstrates, they can always get a job as strippers or extras on *Baywatch*. But a woman therapist, who presumably knows, says the broader the chest, the bigger the ego and the greater the insecurity. If that is so, what about baldies willing to pay $75,000 for a hair transplant? Or men who seek the services of Mervyn Rosenberg, a penis enlargement surgeon? No less than one third of the film is devoted to Dr Rosenberg and his anxious clients.

Video Nation: N is For Neighbours

BBC2, 7.00pm

Baroness Thatcher once famously said there was no such thing as community and many of the contributors to this anthology agree with her. The video diarists recruited from the ranks of ordinary people across Britain may not be representative but their message, overwhelmingly, is a bleak one. For these citizens society is too often apathetic, selfish, violent and racist. They mourn the loss of neighbourliness at home and camaraderie at work. What now binds people together is protest, whether against live animal exports or the building of new motorways. Another bonding factor is the public celebration of gay and lesbian sexuality. The surprise is that traditional family life, in these accounts at least, is so resilient. Marriage is supposed to be on the way out, but we still see a couple tying the knot.

Under the Sun: The Witching Tree

BBC2, 9.30pm

"I'm still short of children, so I keep marrying," says Mpapane, a herbalist and diviner from Eastern Transvaal. This is a man who is 72 and already boasts 14 wives and more than 60 children. Since the death of a daughter in a car crash, however, he has one child fewer. A film which reveals much about cultural practices foreign to most of us in the West charts his attempt to discover whether it was an accident or murder. He suspects witchcraft, still a powerful force in this part of the world. His hunch seems justified when the finger is pointed at wife number eight. Mpapane is good at sniffing out witches for others, as he demonstrates to the employees of a saw mill who have been having a bad time at work. But his own daughter's death is a little close to home and the danger of creating a family rift makes him hold back.

Short and Curlies: Seventeen

Channel 4, 9.45pm

It is not quite clear why schoolgirl Gemma (Emma Bird) should go swimming in white gloves. When tackled on the subject she gets annoyed and tells her questioner that she is a concert pianist. Otherwise this mini-drama from writer and director Sandra Goldbacher contains no obscurities. Perhaps, on the contrary, it is a little too obvious, but an 11-minute slot gives little scope for shades of grey. Emma, who shares a house with her older sister Nicola (Rachel Weisz), visits her local swimming pool and falls for Rob (Christian Anholt), the hunky young lifeguard who is reading *Anna Karenina*. To gain his attention she even affects an interest in Tolstoy. The gambit proves transparent and to Emma's grief the real object of Rob's affection turns out to be none other than her big sister.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (2779388)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (4215982)

9.55 Regional News (6198524)

10.00 The Time ... the Place (1962920)

10.35 This Morning (57103630)

12.20pm Regional News (6254369)

12.30 ITN News (Teletext) Weather (6551291)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9537185)

1.20 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (32996456)

1.50 Home and Away (Teletext) (76026456)

2.20 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (18961475)

2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (4498901)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (2140475)

3.25 Regional News (2149746)

3.30 Potamus Park (s) (2963833) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (7554456) **3.50 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat** (s) (1922104) **4.10 Terror Towers** (Teletext) (s) (5369949) **4.40 Delta Wave** (Teletext) (s) (7685307)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6028456)

5.40 News & Weather (504524)

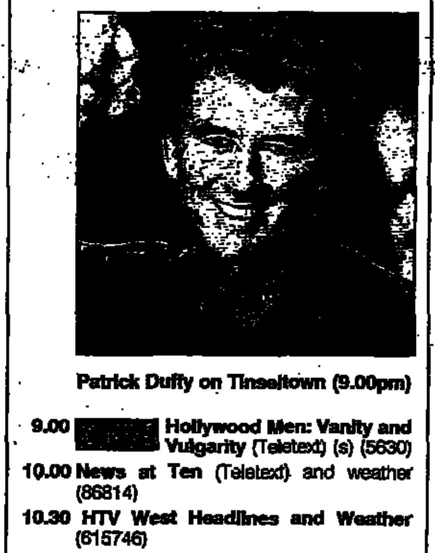
6.00 Home and Away (315630)

6.25 HTV News (580833)

7.00 Wish You Were Here..? Judith Chalmers visits Malta's neighbour, Gozo; while John Carter explores the wilds of Quebec; Jack Charlton revisits his native Northumberland, including Newcastle United's home ground at St James' Park (Teletext) (8494)

7.30 Coronation Street. Brian wants Denise to reconsider her decision and Tricia's debts mount up. (Teletext) (833)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. Joining Des tonight are Bob Monkhouse, Dusty Springfield, Ace of Base and former *Riverdance* star Michael Flatley with news of his new show (s) (5494)



Patrick Duffy on Tinseltown (9.00pm)

9.00 Hollywood Men: Vanity and Vulgarity (Teletext) (s) (5630)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (86814)

10.30 HTV West Headlines and Weather (615746)

10.40 FILM: Sharky's Machine (1981) starring and directed by Burt Reynolds. A tough cop determined to smash a drugs ring suffers a setback when he is demoted to the vice squad after his cover is blown (Teletext) (20217291)

1.00 God's Gift. Davina McColl presents a television dating show (6241031)

2.05 Dear Nick. Male agnst (6986418)

3.00 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (48922673)

3.25 Murder, She Wrote (r) (3568437)

4.20 Nite Bites 4 (17686296)

4.30 The Time... the Place (r) (65465)

5.00 The Village Show (88418)

5.30 ITN Morning News (73499).

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (580833)

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As HTV West except:

12.55 Chain Letters (6536982)

1.25 Coronation Street (32995727)

1.55-2.25 Home and Away (76025727)

2.25 Vanessa (18960746)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1622123)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6028456)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (21475)

1.05am God's Gift (2336895)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (6536982)

1.25 Chain Letters (32995727)

1.55 A Country Practice (64258727)

2.20 Vanessa (18961475)

2.50-3.20 Our House (4498901)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6028456)

6.25-7.00 Central News (330949)

1.05am God's Gift (2061944)

2.00 Dear Nick (14692)

3.00 The Good Sex Guide... Late (3549302)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 Chain Letters (6536982)

1.25 Home and Away (32995727)

1.55 A Country Practice (64258727)

2.20 Vanessa (18961475)

2.50-3.20 Special Babies (4498901)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6028456)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (369)

6.30-7.00 Birdwatch (949)

1.05am God's Gift (2336895)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (16630)

9.00 Fifteen to One (96291)

9.45 Book Box (3384123)

10.00 Stage Two Science (7354340)

10.15 The French Programme (1518833)

10.35 Irish Writers (4398524)

10.55 Film and Video Showcase (1901833)

11.07 Schools at Work (9428611)

11.15 The Mix (8686388)

11.30 Rat-a-tat-tat (5364272)

11.45 First Edition (5369727)

12.00 House to House (83727)

12.30 Wowser (11098)

1.00 Slot Meithrin: Rala Rwdins (26017)

1.30 FILM: Moon Over Miami (33046494)

3.10 The Montel Williams Show (30707982)

5.00 5 Pump: Rownd a Rownd (3950104)

5.15 5 Pump: Ffeil (4314340)

5.30 Countdown (758)

6.00 Newyddion (771272)

6.15 Heno (206369)

7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (693340)

7.25 Dim Ond Celf (868543)

8.00 Max Ar Pantos Gweler Tud (2456)

8.30 Newyddion (4291)

9.00 Y Parc (3272)

10.00 Brookside (84456)

10.30 E.R. (39340)

11.30 Cybill (78433)

12.00am-1.45 FILM: Defence of the Realm (780079) **4.00 Schools** (54031)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Think Tank (r) (s) (5842253)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (16630)

9.00 Fifteen to One (r) (s) (96291)

9.30 Schools: Spring Term Preview (3356340) **9.45** Book Box (3384123) **10.00** Stage Two Science (7354340) **10.15** The French Programme (1518833) **10.35** Irish Writers (439852) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (1901833) **11.07** Schools at Work (9428611) **11.15** The Mix (8686388) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (5364272) **11.45** First Edition (5369727)

12.00 House to House Politics (83727)

12.30pm Sesame Street. With Amy Tann (95253) **1.30 Madeline**. (r) (76048678)

1.55 Spring Ball. Pensioners are entertained by a troupe of young girls (64265017)

2.15 FILM: 13 Rue Madeleine (1946, b/w) Second World War spy thriller starring James Cagney, directed by Henry Hathaway (Teletext) (366017)

4.00 Backdate. Quiz with Valerie Singleton (Teletext) (s) (562)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (746)

5.00 Ricki Lake: I've Given My Baby Away. (Teletext) (s) (7183678)

5.45 Terrytoons (879340)

6.00 The Crystal Maze (r). (Teletext) (s) (29017)

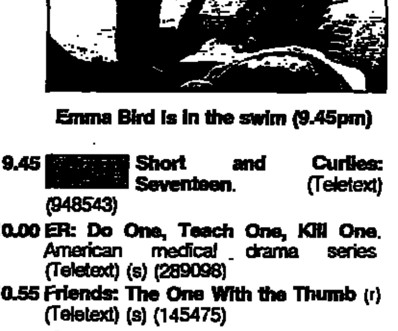
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (615388)

7.55 The Slot Viewers' soapbox (958949)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (2456)

8.30 Travelog. Andy Kershaw visits North Korea. (Teletext) (s) (4291)

9.00 Dispatches. An investigation into the maltreatment of British veal calves exported to Europe. (Teletext) (119456)



Emma Bird is in the swim (9.45pm)

9.45 Short and Curlies: Seventeen. (Teletext) (948543)

10.00 ER: Do One, Teach One, Kill One. American medical drama series (Teletext) (s) (289098)

10.55 Friends: The One With the Thumb (r) (Teletext) (s) (145475)

11.30 Moviewatch. Four reviewers from Northern Ireland offer their opinions on the latest releases (s) (360794)

12.05am The Best of Ackroyd, Belushi and Chase: Chevy Chase. A profile of Chevy Chase (9695654)

1.05 Made in the USA. Laurie Pike visits the gay musical *Blowbee* (r) (6379234)

1.50 FILM: Little Red Monkey (1955, b/w) starring Richard Conte. Excellent example of the British B-feature genre starring a big Hollywood name so that it would be acceptable to the lucrative American market. Conte plays a US State Department agent sent to Britain to guard a Russian scientist, Arnold Marle, who has escaped from behind the Iron Curtain. Directed by Ken Hughes. (2041499) Ends at **3.05**

SATELLITE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Boiled Egg and Soldiers (2008017) 7.01 X-Men (6913833) 7.35 Crazy Crow (3809949) 7.45 Trap Door (3889185) 8.00 Power Rangers (33746) 8.30 Press Your Luck (32017) 9.00 Court TV (23369) 9.30 Oprah Winfrey (11104) 10.30 Concentration (12253) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (75307) 12.00 Jeopardy! (36833) 12.30pm Murphy Brown (64104) 1.00 The Waltons (69659) 2.00 Geraldo (30746) 3.00 Court TV (4833) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (2098543) 4.15 Undun (835272) 4.15 Power Rangers (8692814) 4.40 X-Men (3254104) 5.00 Star Trek (5185) 6.00 The Simpsons (2104) 6.30 Jeopardy! (3456) 7.00 LAPD (6814) 7.30 M*A*S*H (2340) 8.00 Earth 2 (99814) 9.00 Picket Fences (19678) 10.00 Star Trek (12765) 11.00 Law and Order (56272) 12.00 Late Show (6173147) 12.45 The Untouchables (6450050) 1.30 The Edge (12586) 2.00 Hit Mix Long Play

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
9.30am Costa Brava (51630) 10.30 ABC Nightline (43123) 1.30pm CBS News (61017) 2.30 Parliament Live (9017) 3.30 Parliament (4562) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (1098) 8.30 Newsmaker (2611) 11.30 CBS News (26543) 12.30am ABC News (90692) 1.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (10128) 2.30 Newsmaker (94166) 3.30 Parliament (85418) 4.30 CBS News (84215) 5.30 ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Viva Las Vegas (1964) (34307) 8.00 Dodge City (1939) (21098) 10.00 Macshayne: Winner Takes All (1994) (68920) 12.00 The Spy with My Face (1966) (44949) 2.00pm Two for the Road (1967) (530630) 3.55 Nine Hours to Rama (1962) (29117369) 6.00 MacShayne: Winner Takes All (1994) (48340) 7.30 E! News Week in Review (7036) 8.00 Revenge of the Nerds IV: Nerds in Love (1994) (95098) 10.00 Angie (1994) (997388) 11.50 Midnight Confessions (1993) (460098) 1.15am A Better Tomorrow (1986) (557741) 2.45 House 3 (1989) (259586) 4.20-6.00 The Spy with My Face (1966) (660811)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Easy Living (1937) (8745) 6.00 Demetrius and the Gladiators (1954) (98123) 8.00 The Corn Is Green (1979) (60340) 10.00 The Omen (1976) (802746) 11.55 Suspicion (1941) (747765) 1.35-3.05am City Lights (1931) (4425963)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Scooby-doo and the Ghoul School (1988) (32949) 8.00 Don Bluth's Thumbelina (1994) (12340) 10.00 Meet Me in Las Vegas (1956) (68562) 12.00 The Vagabond King (1956) (35291) 2.00pm September Affair (1950) (90118) 4.00 Don Bluth's Thumbelina (1994) (8659) 6.00 A Time to Heal (1994) (14123) 8.00 Passenger 57 (1993) (86340) 10.00 Demolition Man. With Sylvester Stallone (1993) (81307) 12.00 Saigon (1988) (758505) 1.45am Precious Victims (1993) (237418) 3.20 Bloodstone: Subspecies II (1993) (62991321)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Under the Umbrella Tree (31987272) 6.30 Fraggle Rock (30333054) 7.00 Winnie the Pooh (48074861) 7.30 Ducktales (59329758) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dale (49743727) 8.30 Wonderland (49742098) 9.00 Disney (31996920) 10.00 Umbrella Tree (10228366) 10.30 Fraggle Rock (49755562) 11.00 Muppet Babies (89021746) 11.30 Pooh Corner (89022475) 12.00 Quack Attack (49746814) 12.30 Dumbo's Circus (80547366) 1.00 Wonderland (48424303) 1.30 FILM: Little Spies (99554017) 3.00 Dinosaurs (20149920) 3.30 Winnie the Pooh (74239974) 4.00 Quack Attack (99088271) 4.30 Ducktales (93688235) 5.00 Chip 'n' Dale (20155785) 5.30 Danger Bay (75688415) 6.00 Tarzan (78838939) 6.30 Dinosaurs (98638730) 7.00 Faerie Tale Theatre (20033785) 8.00 The Sinbad Show (20151949) 8.30 The Torkelsons (20130456) 9.00-10.00 Dreams of Flight — 2 (20039949)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Speedworld (97543) 8.00 Supercross 9.00 Basketball (19291) 9.30 Euroski (23982) 10.00 Tennis (7948765) 6.00pm Motors (42017) 7.00 Tractor (44388) 8.00 Boxing (53036) 9.00 Tennis (33272) 10.00 Rally (43659) 11.00 Equestrianism (94456) 12.00-12.30am Euroski (47012)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (83340) 7.30 Racing (96825) 8.00 Wrestling (12036) 9.00 Aerobics (24123) 9.30 British Rally Championships (38814) 10.00 FA Cup Third Round Replay (58678) 12.00 South Africa v England — International Cricket — Live (1778017) 8.25 Sports Centre (240727) 8.30 Grass Roots Rugby (7185) 9.00 Futbal Mundial (10833) 21.30 Skiff Sailing (57727) 10.30 Cricket Highlights (93185) 12.30 Grass Roots Rugby (45166) 1.00 Inside the PGA Tour (18298) 1.30 Skiff Sailing (58302) 2.00-2.30 Sports Centre (52215)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Rugby Hall of Fame: John Kirwan (6459825) 10.30 World Cup Classics: England v Poland 1988 (4653123) 12.00 Blood Sweat and Glory (7383215) 12.30-1.00am Second Innings (3958079)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Living World 5.00 Kenneth Copeland 5.30 Kidz TV 5.45 General Christian Entertainment 6.15 Benny Hinn/This Is Your Day 6.45-7.00 Music

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (7338388) 7.55 As the World Turns (9053307) 8.50 Peyton Place (8314433) 9.20 Days of Our Lives 10.10-11.00 Another World (9820497)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Travel 1.00pm Holiday 1.30 Earth Journeys 2.00 Best of Europe 2.30 A Taste for Travel 3.00 Eye on Travel 3.30 Bon Voyage 4.00 Australia 4.30 America 5.00 Skiing 5.30 Mysterious Places 6.00 Destinations 6.30 Travel 8.00 Earth Journeys 8.30 Best of Europe 9.00 America 10.00 A Taste for Travel 10.30 Bon Voyage 11.00 Inside Skiing 11.30-12.00 Journey to Adventure

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Our Century: 1958/1968 Nouvelle Vague (4532340) 5.00 Memories of 1978 (8047340) 6.00-7.00 Biography: Jayne Mansfield (5917475)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (4926253) 8.00 FILM: Back to the Future II (1985) (4946017) 10.00 Class (7277384) 1.00 Battlestar Galactica (2267944) 2.00-4.00 Back to the Future (5771234)

Geena Davis stars as single parent *Angie* (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (6543036) 9.30 Grow with Joe (7990388) 10.00 Two's Country (7390659) 10.30 Our House (6532920) 11.00 The Painted House (5916901) 11.30 Running Repairs (5917630) 12.00 Julia Child (6523272) 12.30pm The Frugal Gourmet (7994104) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (8066456) 1.30 Local Heroes (7993475) 2.00 Dogs with Dunbar (2410543) 2.30 Secret Gardens (1797307) 3.00 Two's Country (2439678) 3.30-4.00 This Old House (1769524)

UK GOLD

7.00am Angels (8083543) 7.30 Neighbours (8088678) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (6522543) 8.30 EastEnders (6521814) 9.00 The Bill (6545494) 9.30 The Sullivans (7992746) 10.00 All Creatures Great and Small (8077562) 11.00 Juliet Bravo (8064098) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (6525630) 12.30pm Neighbours (7998582) 1.00 EastEnders (8088814) 1.30 The Bill (7995833) 2.00 The Sullivans (61154659) 2.25 Are You Being Served? (2368562) 3.00 Angels (2431036) 3.30 Eldorado (1761982) 4.00 Casualty (35545253) 5.05 Larry Grayson's Generation Game (77445630) 6.15 Kenny's Comic Cuts (8801746) 6.25 EastEnders (2587140) 7.00 Eldorado (2423017) 7.30 Happy Ever After (1770630) 8.00 FILM: Doctor in the House (1954) (4702833) 10.00 The Bill (8726272) 10.35 The Best of Top of the Pops (5826369) 11.25 Special Branch (8483272) 12.30am Everybody's Equal (8721654) 1.00 Public Eye (8216031) 1.55 Triangle (95153234) 2.25 Shopping at Night (52373234)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (49017) 6.30 Pugwall's Summer (67949) 7.00 Ready or Not (99038) 7.30 California Dreams (78543) 8.00 Sweet Valley High (38340) 8.30 Tiny TCC (55765036) 12.35 Tiny TCC (2896833) 12.35pm Little Brim (49775253) 2.30 Jim Henson's Animal Show (8949) 3.00 Sonic (3384) 3.30 The New Pink Panther Show (3494) 4.00 California Dreams (2801) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (8185)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Henry's Cat (5453982) 6.15 Blue, Child of the Earth (505494) 6.45 Toucan Tax (9114475) 7.00 Batfink (7273456) 7.05 Grimmy (8930630) 7.45 Nicktoon Breakfast Feast (1136833) 9.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (22765) 9.30 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (36456) 10.00 Banana Sandwich (99901) 11.00 Children's BBC (19765) 12.00 Magic School Bus (14271) 12.30pm Grimmy (30272) 1.00 Global Guts (80253) 1.30 Visionaries (39543) 2.00 Children's BBC (74104) 3.00 The Littlest Pet Shop (8291) 3.30 Mighty Max (7678) 4.00 The Ferals (6185) 4.30 Rugrats and Doug (2369) 5.00 Sister Sister (3956) 5.30 Wishbone (6949) 6.00 Ren and Stimpy (6582) 6.30 The Adventures of Pete and Pete (7814) 7.00 The Odyssey (3712) 7.30-8.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3098)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Bush Tucker Man (1788659) 4.30 Fire (1777543) 5.00 Treasure Hunters (2434123) 5.30 Terra X (1791123) 6.00 Invention (1798036) 6.30 Beyond 2000 (1829348) 7.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (1778272) 8.00 Arthur C. Clarke's Universe (2430307) 8.30 Time Travellers (2419814) 9.00 Gulf War (4719123) 10.00 Classic Wheels (4789982) 11.00-12.00 Gulf War (8076833)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Half Human (6780307) 1.30pm Death Valley Days (7980901) 2.00 The Saint (7368814) 3.00 The Buccaneers (2426104) 3.30 William Tell (1796678) 4.00 FILM: That Sinking Feeling (2420920) 6.00 Robin Hood (1785562) 6.30 UFO (1724794) 7.30 The Protectors (1772098) 8.00 The Saint (4793185) 9.00 Sapphire and Steel (5923291) 9.30 Superman (7901494) 10.00-12.00 FILM: The Big Sleep (1946) (5914543)

PARAMOUNT

8.00pm Entertainment Tonight (9920) 8.30 The Odd Couple (5727) 9.00 American Dreamer (18475) 9.30 Laverne and Shirley (50036) 10.00 Entertainment Tonight (64730) 10.30 Frontline (29678) 11.00 Nightstand (90630) 12.00 I Love Lucy (50586) 12.30am The Odd Couple (43708) 1.00 American Dreamer (48166) 1.30 Laverne and Shirley (56944) 2.00 Entertainment Tonight (50857) 2.30 Frontline (62692) 3.00-4.00 Nightstand (92741)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (6436659) 7.00 Kilroy (9541291) 8.00 Esther (9178456) 8.30 Embroidery (9178727) 9.00 Food and Drink (3000272) 9.35 Kate and Allie (2207185) 10.05 The Jerry Springer Show (8241494) 11.00 Young and Restless (8653543) 11.55 Brookside (6285630) 12.30pm Dangerous Women (4680475) 1.25 Crosswits (5154938) 2.00 Agony Hour (2829611) 3.00 Live at Three (1858272) 4.00 Infatuation UK (1391543) 4.30 Crosswits (3993104) 5.05 Lingo (82363524) 5.30 Lucky Ladders (1311307) 6.00 Bewitched (1301920) 6.30 Brookside (2900253) 7.05 Delia Smith (2753494) 7.40 The Joker's Wild (1811036) 8.05 Young and Restless (5931307) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (8524475) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (8527562) 11.00 Sex Life (1878036) 11.30-12.00 More Sex Life (2857494)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00am Black Beauty (2949) 5.30 Tintin (238611) 5.55 Batman (158123) 6.30 Catchphrase (3630) 7.00 Roll with It (2185) 7.30 Fall Guy (52524) 8.30 Duty Free (3140) 9.00 Ruth Rendell (82562) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (92949) 11.00 Neon Rider (75456) 12.00 The Fall Guy (93302) 1.00pm Batman (78692) 1.30 Rhoda (92760) 2.00 Big Brother Jake (96673) 2.30 Neon Rider (41470) 3.30 Rhoda (99760) 4.00 Big Brother Jake (87925) 4.30-5.00 Black Beauty (86857)

MTV

6.30am The Grind (69307) 7.00 3 from 1 (9851524) 7.15 Wildside (3694369) 8.00 Music Videos (721543) 11.00 Soul (96949) 12.00 Greatest Hits (80291) 1.00pm Music Non-stop (90384494) 2.45 3 from 1 (8602562) 3.00 CineMatic (1396920) 3.15 Hanging Out (1927307) 4.00 News (8458123) 4.15 Hanging Out (8448746) 4.30 Dial MTV (4253) 5.00 The Zig and Zag Show (4307) 5.30 Boom! (4123) 6.00 Hanging Out (86475) 7.00 Greatest Hits (95036) 8.00 The Worst of Most Wanted (3291) 8.30 Unplugged with Soul Asylum (17036) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-head (81920) 10.00 News (719388) 10.15 CineMatic (707543) 10.30 The State (50582) 11.00 The End? (93611) 12.30am Videos (9139944)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (7530036) 9.00 Cafe VH-1 (8494982) 12.00 Heart and Soul (5920949) 1.00pm The Vinyl Years (5906369) 2.00 Ten of the Best: Chas and Dave (6203843) 3.00 Into the Music (2022388) 6.00 VH-1-2-3 : Paul Young (5919833) 7.00 VH-1 for You (4926611) 8.00 Wednesday Review (4944659) 9.00 Ten of the Best: Arthur Baker (4357123) 10.00 The Vinyl Years (4927982) 11.00 Tommy Vance Is the Nightfly (8216678) 1.00am Ten of the Best: Meatloaf (2269302) 2.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (86965098) 8.30 Kahekashan (81258366) 9.00 Start Sound (97553758) 9.30 Urdu Serial: Kohar (83557369) 10.30 Namaste India (84429162) 11.00 Tara (42587017) 12.00 Dekh Bhai Dekh (87658302) 12.30pm Manasi (53043833) 1.00 Urdu Film: Khamosh Nigahen (62377475) 4.00 Zee Presents (42502543) 5.00 Zee Zone (37194123) 5.30 Phire Elam (11950982) 6.00 Campus (11980123) 6.30 Zee and U (11971475) 7.00 Aap Ki Adalat (37181659) 7.30 Banegi Apni Baat (11977659) 8.00 News (37190307) 8.30 Hindi Film: Mausam (53768098) 11.30-12.00 Bhangra Revisited

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Cartoons from 5am to 7pm, TNT films.
7.00pm Valley of the Kings (1954) (50778299) 9.00 Fury (1936) (20010814) 11.00 Trial (1955) (87459388) 1.00am The People Against O'Hara (1951) (91334147) 2.40-5.00 Cone of Silence (1961) (25597215)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Mozart's La Clemenza Di Tito 10.00 Balanchine and Cunningham 12.00-2.00am Back to Stax

BBC WORLD

News on the hour
8.05am Horizon 9.25 Film '95 12.15pm Panorama 1.15 World Business 1.30 BBC Newshour Asia Pacific 2.25 The Clothes Show 3.05 Timewatch 4.25 Tomorrow's World 5.25 Top Gear 8.05 Q.E.D. Special 9.25 Food and Drink 11.25 World Business 12.25am Newsnight 4.05 Q.E.D. Special

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FAIRBROTHER'S INJURY AFFECTS ENGLAND'S ONE-DAY STRATEGY

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CLAMOUR FOR CHANGE HERALDS OPEN SEASON ON COACHES

Defeat of Korda enhances young Briton's growing reputation

Henman attracts open acclaim

From Stuart Jones
Tennis Correspondent
in Melbourne

Henman is a study of concentration as he drives a forehand during his first-round victory against Korda yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

TIM HENMAN, the national tennis champion, is no longer the centre of parochial attention. The only Briton to reach the second round of the Australian Open here, the 21-year-old from Oxfordshire is beginning to command respect on a global scale and to extract predictions about his future that grow ever brighter.

The youngster is too level-headed to be carried away by glowing compliments, agreeable though they may be, and he had virtually no time to bask in them anyway. Little more than 24 hours after knocking out Petr Korda, he was scheduled to return to the scene of his triumph for his next match.

Of the eight new courts built in the second stage of the refurbishment of Flinders Park, considered by common consent to be the most spectacular of the four grand-slam venues, Henman was performing yesterday in "trainspotters' corner". Yards behind the far backcloth lay the city's main railway line.

Flinders Park results 40

Few spectators among the record crowd bothered to visit the most distant retreat in the huge complex until news spread that Korda was in trouble. By the time he was eliminated, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4, after three hours, the two open sides of the court were filled with curious bystanders.

Not many had heard of Henman. Korda had, but only through his temporary coach, Tony Pickard. For once Pickard was ambivalent about the outcome. Having extolled the virtues of the Briton before leaving his post as Davis Cup captain, he confessed to "wanting both men to win".

He was so convinced about Henman's ability that, once his fruitful partnership with Stefan Edberg ended a year ago, he sought to guide the nation's most promising individual. Korda, though he has benefited from the rejection, can understand the interest shown by his new mentor.

"If he [Henman] can play at that level," he proclaimed, "I think that he can get to the top 20 easily." Korda should know. For five years he was a member of the elite group before the effects of a damaged hernia, surgically corrected in October, lowered his status.

"He's got a great serve, he can hit the ball well and he's got great potential," Korda, from the Czech Republic, added before issuing a warning. "From what I know from the past, he can play a great match and then [follow it with] not such a good performance."

Henman accepted the criticism. As an example of his inconsistency, he failed to qualify for the opening tournament of the year in Doha. Ironically, Korda won the title there to lift himself in the world rankings to No 26.

In 1992, the year before he won the Grand Slam Cup, Korda was No 7. He finished as the runner-up in the French Open then, but his grand-slam record is otherwise comparatively undistinguished.

Korda was 4-2 down in each set and was spared a swifter defeat by a combination of Henman's apprehension and excessive caution. The Briton yielded the opening set with a double fault, missed three points to take the second set and four points to capture the third before doing so.

He also held two match points at 5-3 before completing victory with his ninth ace. Such diffidence would doubtless have been punished by a fitter and more combative opponent, as Greg Rusedski was forcibly to be reminded during the closing match of the day on the centre court.

Britain's other representative in the men's singles was heading towards an even more startling upset when, 2-1 up in sets, he held the second of two points to break an irritated and plainly disheartened Boris Becker and lead 2-1 in the fourth. A net cord assisted his cause.

The ball sat up, giving Rusedski the opening he required. Instead of positive action, though, he merely pushed his backhand, was subsequently passed and lost the impetus he had gained. Becker, transformed, dropped only five points in his last seven service games to go through 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Rusedski struck the fastest service measured at Flinders Park, one of only a dozen aces, timed at 217kph (three short of his world record) and punched holes in Becker's belief. "I wasn't sure I was going to leave the court as the winner," the No 4 seed conceded.

Since being crowned as the champion in 1991, Becker had reached the second round only once. He paid tribute to the lone Briton to have joined him there. "I'm amazed at the number of matches Henman's played recently. That's a good sign. It shows that he's hungry."

Rusedski agreed with Korda's forecast — whatever Henman's fate today against Jonas Bjorkman, whom he beat last year.

Clare Wood, Britain's sole entrant in the women's singles, predictably could resist neither a blustery wind in the afternoon nor the second seed, Conchita Martinez and went out 6-4, 6-1.

Rusedski, beaten in five sets by Becker, is congratulated by his relieved opponent as they leave the court

Fifa sets collision course with FA over foreigners

By John Goodbody

FIFA, football's world governing body, and the English football authorities were on a collision course yesterday over the European Court of Justice's ruling on the international transfer system and the number of foreign players that can be fielded by clubs.

Sepp Blatter, the Fifa secretary general, said yesterday that he will order national football federations to maintain the outlawed limits on the number of foreigners in European club competitions. The world governing body is giving its full backing to Uefa, the European governing body, which is refusing to alter its regulations in the middle of this season's competitions on the Continent.

Blatter said the rule limiting clubs to fielding three foreigners plus two "assimilated" players must be maintained by the clubs. An "assimilated" player is one who has lived in the country for at least five years or has played in a youth team in that country.

"This means that a club can sign foreign players if it wants to, but at the same time, the rule will prevent it from simply doing what it likes," Blatter said.

Fifa is effectively mounting a challenge to the ruling last month on the case of Jean-Marc Bosman by the European Court of Justice that football's regulations broke European Union (EU) laws and that footballers were entitled to the same freedom of movement within the EU after a contract has ended as other workers.

The FA Premier League has already scrapped its rules restricting the number of EU nationals that can play in a team and, yesterday, opposed Uefa on the controversial Intertoto Cup when its clubs voted not to participate in the 1996 competition.

Rick Parry, the Premier League chief executive, said: "This decision has been taken purely on practical considerations — in particular, the overlap with the European championship and the starting dates of the FA Carling Premiership season."

Venables restores Ince for England gathering

By Russell Kempson

PAUL INCE, the Internazionale midfield player, has been welcomed back into the England fold. Terry Venables, the England coach, has included Ince in his party for squad training at Bisham Abbey next week, an indication that he remains an integral part of Venables's plans for the European championship.

Ince, 28, made his last appearance for England in the 1-1 draw against Romania at Wembley in October 1994. He was left out of the squad for the game against Uruguay last spring because of his involvement in a court case and then withdrew from the Umbro Cup tournament in the summer while his protracted transfer from Manchester United was completed.

An initially fraught spell with Inter led to his continued absence this season and Venables said: "Paul needed time to settle in Italy. I've been abroad myself and it is not easy. It is a new club, a new language and everything takes time. He's got that experience behind him now and he's playing well. He's confident again and it's the right time to bring him back."

Newcastle's double aim .. 40

With no game until Bulgaria visit Wembley on March 27, Venables views the 25-strong squad session as vital to his planning "Getting the players in January gives us the chance to do the detailed work that has not been possible until now, " he said. "Usually, we have been preparing for specific opposition. My aim is to make a good side better."

Though Venables announced last week that he intends to stand down after Euro '96, he is still keen to involve fringe players. Alan Wright, the Aston Villa full back, Ugo Ehiogu, his defensive team-mate, and Sol Campbell, the Tottenham Hotspur utility player, have been included for the get-together. "With Graeme Le Saux sadly unavailable, Wright is the one new name," Venables said. "He and Graeme were rivals for the same position at Blackburn and, like Graeme, he is quick and a good footballer."

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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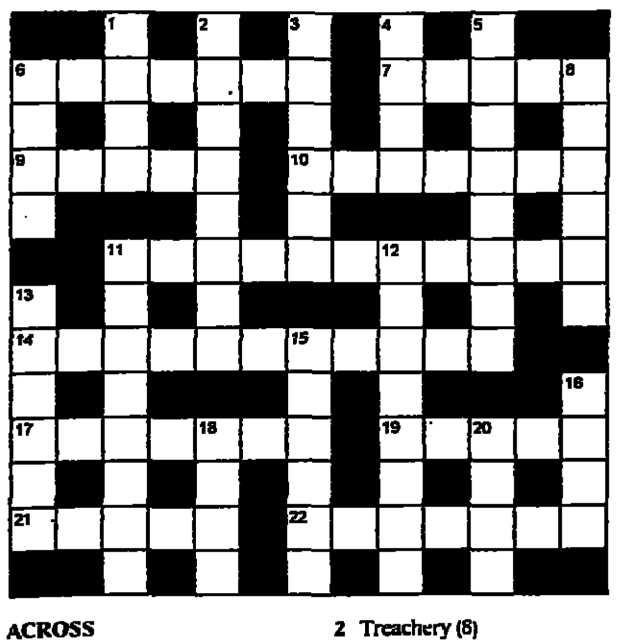

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9 Gradually narrow (5)
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11 Seer's sphere (7,4)
14 (Eg kill) without emotion (2,4,5)
17 A glass; a pigeon; part of lock (7)
19 Live; endure (5)
21 Fights of honour (5)
22 At top speed (4,3)

DOWN
1 Witty remark (4)
2 Treachery (8)
3 Elevation (6)
4 Bucket (4)
5 (Drawing) without assistance (8); discretion (4,4)
6 Place (of activity) (4)
8 Missing company (6)
11 Truncheon-shaped salad veg (8)
12 Avert gaze (4,4)
13 With a special talent (6)
15 Deprived (6)
16 Nuisance; other half of Buda (4)
18 Final; endure (4)
20 Computer-screen command symbol (4)

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Ban threat leaves Mason on thin ice

John Goodbody on how a men-only ruling is affecting a British bobsleigh competitor

A woman lance corporal from Scotland faces being banned from competing in the skeleton bobsleigh World Cup series because the organisers say only *men* should compete in the event, in which athletes hurtle head-first down slopes on sleighs that look like tea trays with runners.

Cecilia Mason, who finished 39th, ahead of nine men, in the first World Cup race in Altenburg, Germany, last Sunday is the only womanto have taken part in the series of a sport in which competitors sometimes reach 85mph during descents.

Mason: controversy

Yesterday, she was on her way with the rest of the Great Britain team to La Plagne, France, for the next event in the World Cup.

However, her presence in the opening event has worried the International Bobsleigh and Toboggan Federation, which will decide before the race on Saturday whether she can compete.

In bobsleigh and luge, there are separate World Cup and European Cup events for women. However, for skeleton bobsleigh no female-only races exist and there is nothing in the federation's ruling that says riders must be male.

Lance Corporal Mason, 20, from Memus, near Forfar, said: "I want to take part in the World Cup and qualify for the world championships in Calgary next month. The other competitors do not mind that I am a woman. They have been most welcoming."

Mason has been competing in the sport since November 1994, when she watched other competitors in Germany where she has been stationed with the Royal Corps of Signals.

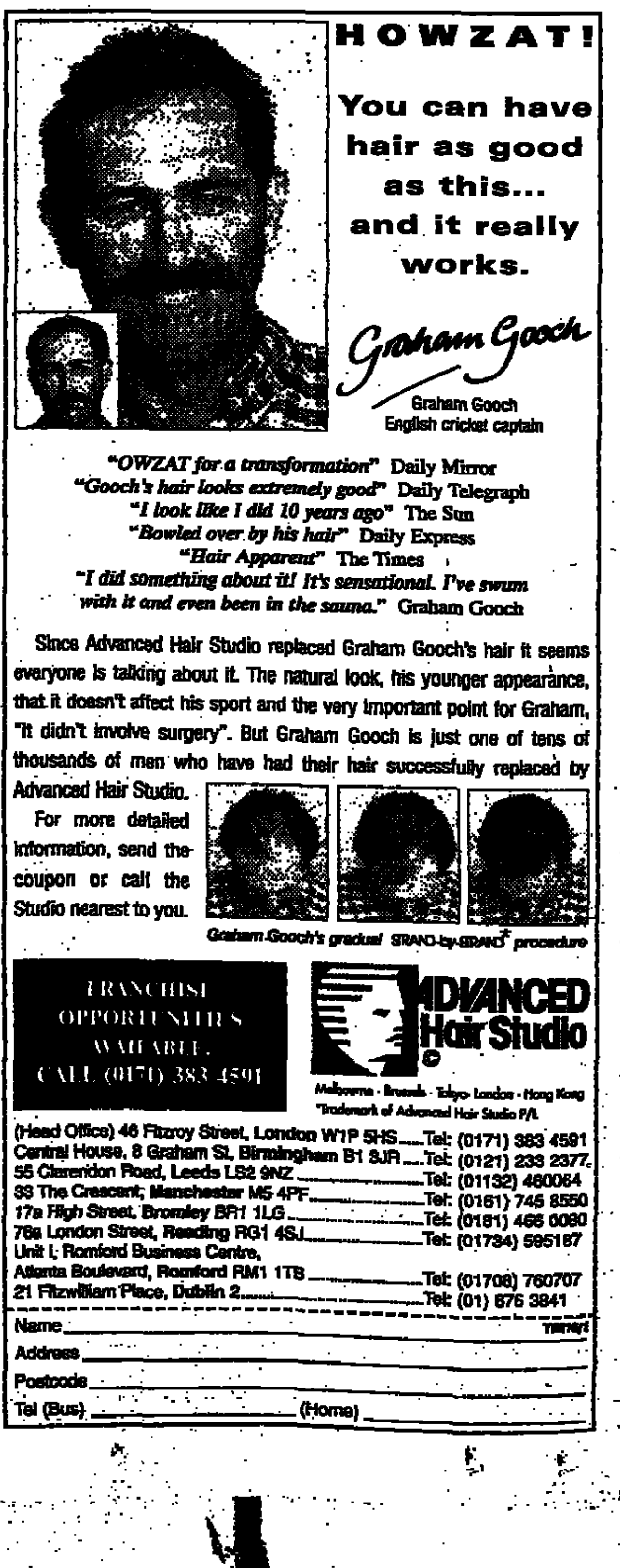
She has been in full-time training since October, practising on bobsleigh tracks in Europe with the rest of the British competitors.

Sergeant Richard Rochester, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, the British team manager, said: "When she was picked for the British team, she was selected on her merits, not on her sex. Some officials in the international federation think there is an unwritten rule which will stop her from taking part in the World Cup. We are now waiting for their decision but we feel she should be permitted to participate."

Skeleton bobsleigh uses the same tracks as those of bobsleigh. Competitors use a sleigh weighing 40 kilograms. There are no brakes and the rider is protected only by a helmet and elbow pads.

After a sprint start, the competitor jumps onto the sleigh, getting into a position as low as possible with the nose just above the ice and arms tucked into the side to reduce air resistance.

Mason displays her skill during a descent at Altenburg



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